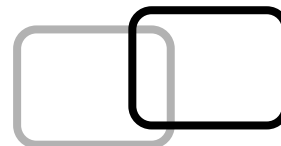


# DisAbility Network NEWS

A NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION.



## TUTORS WISDOM WORKSHOP

You may be aware of this workshop being run by the Network. This is the final workshop on Disability topics for the year and probably the best. All tutors, staff, and education co-ordinators are able to attend, time permitting of course. The workshop will be held **October 21 2004** at the Yooralla Society, 244 Flinders Street Melbourne. We have three experienced and knowledgeable individuals that will share their knowledge on teaching techniques and knowledge that they have used over a number of years in working with people with disabilities in ACE.

The speakers are:

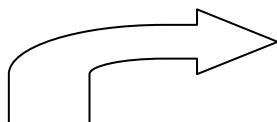
**Marie Rowan -Tutor**

**Ron McGlynn-** Manager, Initial Literacy Australia (ILA) Karingal Inc.

**Maxine Yates-** ArtLife Co-ordinator

The workshop is free and no lunch is provided. Ph: Louise Oswald on 9916 5835 to book in or to get more details.

**RSVP by October 19<sup>th</sup>.**



**FOR WORKSHOP DETAILS OR TO  
RSVP CONTACT LOUISE OSWALD ON:  
9916 5832**

## Research project update.

**ACE Disability Research Project Update- By Toni Bentley Research Worker.**

The preliminary research findings for the ACE disAbility Network project will be presented on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October in the Yooralla boardroom. Mapping the statewide ACE sector in terms of program delivery to people with disabilities has highlighted major issues on both sides. People with disabilities are increasingly using neighbourhood houses and learning centers to further their education needs because they are usually seen to be more flexible and informal than other providers. Whilst many providers had made serious attempts to provide practical strategies for inclusion of people with disabilities in their services, the research conducted found that a number of factors constrained their participation in ACE. Some of these barriers included, among others: lack of funding; difficulty in adequately measuring outcomes for people with disabilities; lack of suitably trained staff and supportive equipment; as well as transport and access issues. The majority of ACE providers had established community partnerships and links with disability service providers that helped strengthen support and knowledge between the two sectors. This is considered vital if overall service delivery is to be improved so that people with disabilities have more meaningful experiences when participating in further education. A final report of the findings will be available in November.

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## Network Meeting

On Friday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> a meeting is taking place to discuss the range of disability projects and initiatives that are having a positive impact on the ACE sector in relation to Disability. This meeting is a follow up of the meeting held in July this year that was represented by a number of key players in the field and government. ACFE is well represented by Dr Eric McClellan and Kerrie McEvoy with other representatives from across the disability field: Including Scope, Yooralla, DEAC, RVIB, Gawith Villa and more. This forum is set to occur every 3 months and will serve to keep the dialogue of these major parties going as a way of ensuring continued good planning and development of these in relation to meeting the needs.



help line reminder!!!

Don't forget that this is still available for any ACE Disability related query 9916 5821.

## Disability Definition



The definition of disability in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 is as broad as possible. It includes: physical, intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, neurological, learning disabilities, physical disfigurement and the presence in the body of disease causing organisms.

*Did you know?? There are many acts of parliament that are related to the Disability Discrimination Act.*

## **Two Websites and information that are useful for those interested in learning about or using assistive technology equipment.**

Australian Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology Association (ARATA).

An association whose purpose is to serve as a forum for information sharing and liaison between people who are involved with assistive technology. ARATA also contains a directory of assistive technology service providers.

<http://www.e-bility.com/arata/>

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The Victorian Literacy and Education Council (VALBEC)

The peak body for the adult literacy field in Victoria. Members come from a range of areas. Valbec provides networking opportunities, information sharing, fine print journals and professional development.

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