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editorial



Happy New Year to you all,

This issue of IDA contains important information about your new ASID Board and some photos to jog everyone's memories about the stimulating and interesting time that was had by all at the 2010 conference in Brisbane.

We have congratulations for award winners and condolences as we hear of the loss of one of ASID's strongest supporters and founding member, Guy Hamilton AM.

IDA is a little late in arriving in your mailboxes because of the huge amount of work that the new Board began as soon as the Brisbane conference closed.

In early December Board members traveled to Melbourne to spend two days working on a new Strategic Plan for the new look ASID. ASID's logo and name were launched in September and the 2011 Board realised that the launch of the new logo signaled the time for the development of the 3rd Strategic Plan.

The following is a brief summary of the proceedings. Sub-committees were formed and it is hoped that regional members will contribute with feedback or participation in the groups. Further details will be made available as the various sub-committees finalise their tasks:

Richard O'Loughlin spoke about the history of ASID and the board brainstormed the major issues, including:

what we want to get out of the day – history, direction, strong strategic plan, where ASID fits with the rest of the research community, bold achievable goals, plans, discussion, listening, sharing ideas, clear mission statement, clear actions, solid actions, research to practice plan, remain financially viable, strong financial footing, how we get research to practice.

Kerrie Akermans gave a brief overview of what had been achieved over the past year, and noted the feedback from the research that had been undertaken in preparation for the strategic planning day:

The emerging themes were:

1. Partnerships – general
2. Partnerships – specific
3. Influence policy
4. Technology
5. Self advocacy
6. Research to Practice – General
7. Research to Practice – how to
8. Lifespan focus

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research to practice

9. Finance
10. Governance
11. Membership
12. Regional Support
13. Environmental
14. Legal
15. Perception / Consideration
16. Differentiation / Focus

A SWOT analysis was undertaken, with a number of themes emerging, including these in the table below.

Current: Mission Statement

To enhance the skills, knowledge and commitment of its members and to facilitate a supportive network in order to enhance the quality of life of people with intellectual or developmental disability.

Current: Goals

The goals of the Australasian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability are:

- Promote the research and understanding of intellectual disability

- Bring together people with an interest in the field of intellectual disability
- Promote high standards of practice in the field of intellectual disability

Future: Aims

Achieved by:

Research to practice

which means

- Promote
- Foster
- Accessibility – inclusive
- Translate
- Leadership
- Policy influence
- Results in good practice across the lifespan
- Expert knowledge

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| Strengths | Weaknesses | Opportunities | Threats |
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| Name & reputation, Diversity of membership Focus on intellectual disability, Journal, Australasian, Committed & interested members, Passion, Collegiality, research (asid awards), EO Position, | Not timely, volunteer base, time poor, Not clear re purpose, Not necessarily united, Different of opinions, new philosophies Diversity of academics, families, services Not good at communicating purpose, Financial weakness, Not strategic . | Relevant journal, National research agenda \, ASID to be a key influence, Use of technology, Customise membership, Professionalisation of the sector, – ASID to map PD to accreditation, To co-ordinate visiting speakers, INcrease profile, Improved organization and infrastructure, Create “good practice”, publications and resources, Partnering with publishers, IDA , | Funded strengths of competing organizations, Membership and potential slippage to others, ASID not attractive commercially, Conflicts of interest |

My Own Life, My Own Home, in Communities Where We All Belong...

This is the first building block that speaks to the vision of the Community Living Initiative (CLI). The Initiative was launched by the Disability Services Commission (DSC) in WA in 2008 and gives people with disabilities who want to move out of home ideas, support and resources to make their dreams a reality.

The CLI, originally called the Community Living Plan, was developed with involvement from people with disabilities, family members, community representatives, people from disability sector organisations and the DSC, under the guidance of Eddie Bartnik, Community Living Project Director. The Initiative developed as a response to the 2007 Sector Health Check recommendations that noted a need for alternative pathways to the existing funding system for people who require support to live in their own home. The CLI seeks to increase the range of community living options for adults with disabilities with an emphasis on growing innovative and

personalised support arrangements in local communities as alternatives to group home accommodation. Through a range of policy and practice techniques the Initiative aims to create an environment that facilitates the development of community living options for people with a disability who prefer this style of accommodation support.

The philosophy of the CLI is firmly grounded in person-centred approaches to assisting people with disabilities to lead rich and fulfilling lives. Each person should remain at the centre of all planning and support arrangements and this should continue throughout their life as well as the life of their plan. This includes the creation of their dreams and vision, choosing who becomes and remains part of their life, determining lifestyle choices and how support is provided and all of the decision-making that goes along with this. In many cases people will need assistance with these tasks, but it is imperative with a Community Living Plan that the

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- Peak body
- Positioning
- Engagement
- Shared interests
- The 'acid' test
- Through partnership

The ASID Vision is an inclusive society

Mission

To improve the quality of life for people with intellectual disability

Further work to be undertaken by working groups to develop strategic goals, based on ASID's vision and including;

- Influencing Policy – legal
- Research to practice – (technology) promote, translate, foster
- Organisational responsibility – financial, governance, risk management (legal, environmental),

growth target, region

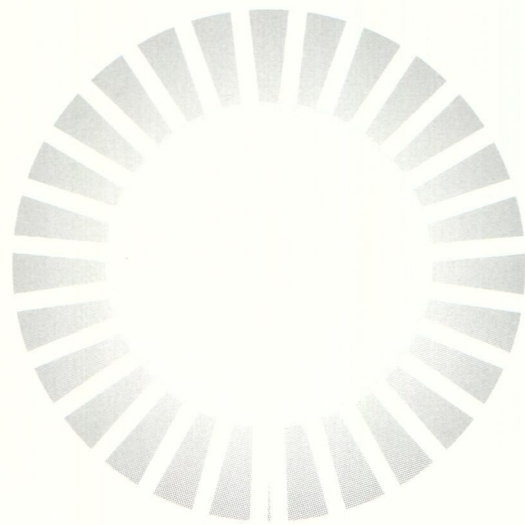
- Partnership – self advocacy
- Positioning – promotion, focus, recognition, perception, lifespan
- Membership

The following operational goals were agreed:

ASID will:

- Be an independent authority on intellectual disability issues across Australasia;
- Forge the interaction between intellectual disability research, policy and practice;
- Lead the development of strategic partnerships;
- Engage with and strengthen it's membership;
- Ensure sound governance

Cheers, Sue



all planning starts with and fully includes the person for whom the plan is being developed.

There are several other key elements identified in planning for a good life, including participation and contribution in the community and having family, friends and supporters who offer freely given and reciprocal relationships (see the article " by Eddie Bartnik in this edition of IDA). It is thought that, when these building blocks are in place, the scene is set for a safe and enjoyable lifestyle where the person is able to pursue their personal goals and be a part of their community.

A person's plan may require some paid support to make it work well. If this is the case individualised funds are available to eligible people to support their plan. People are able to gain assistance through the Local Area Coordination Program, a service provider and/or the Community and Family Living Resource Team, to develop and implement their plan.

A Community Living Facilitator can provide information and guidance to the person and their key supporters as they get involved in planning. This may be regarding the kind of model of support that the person is choosing, the planning process they are using, preparation of the plan document or other aspects involved with the person's plan. Once a plan is put together it can be sent to the Facilitator to provide feedback on the plan and make suggestions about ways to strengthen it in line with Community Living ideas and principles. Once the plan has been finalised, an independent Panel will assess it and either support it or make recommendations for further development of the plan. The Panel meets every eight weeks, so people do not have to wait

for a long time for their plan to be assessed. Plans are submitted to the Panel as they are developed rather than asking people to fit in with lengthy submission timelines.

Once a plan is supported a Facilitator will get involved with the person to assist them to put their plan into action. This may involve planning meetings, discussion with service providers and organising funding. If a plan is not supported a Facilitator can be involved to meet with the person and their supporters to consider Panel feedback and to further develop the plan so that it will work well into the future. These plans can be resubmitted to the Panel. Many plans that get resubmitted are then supported.

There are now over 100 people in WA who have a community living plan. Some examples are outlined below.

Sam's Plan

Sam is a vivacious young man whose dream it was to come from Albany, in WA's southwest, to live in Perth and study in the legal profession at university. Sam had a go at moving to Perth in the past and found that it was hard to manage all of the things involved in living independently, the household, the money side of things and more. Sam was very committed to his dream though, so he took the lessons he had learned on his first attempt and, together with family members and his Local Area Coordinator, hatched a plan for moving back to Perth with some extra help.

Sam now lives in Subiaco, a vibrant and happening part of Perth, and attends a university course which will determine his future as a uni student. He is able to visit the law courts and watch proceedings, something he

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My Own Life ...

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really enjoys. Sam has two housemates who, in return for their rent being paid, offer Sam some help with staying organised. Sam has the opportunity to meet lots of other young people through his housemates and at uni. He is really enjoying his independence.

Kelly's Plan

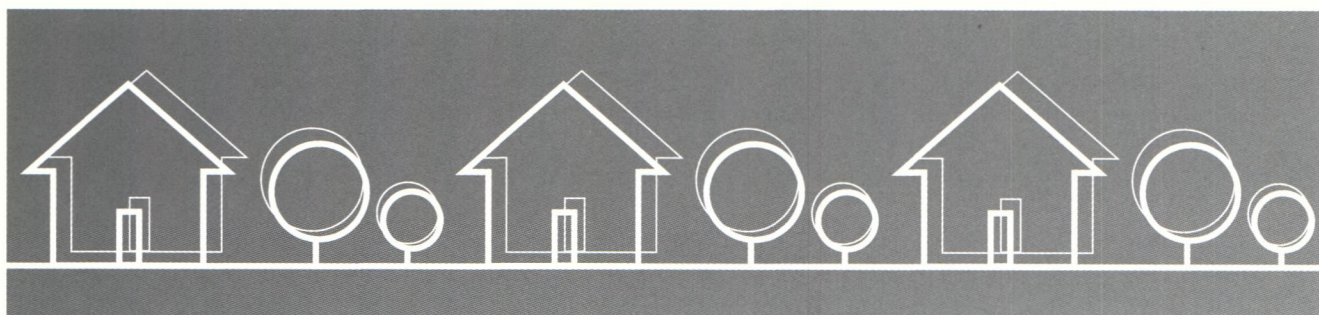
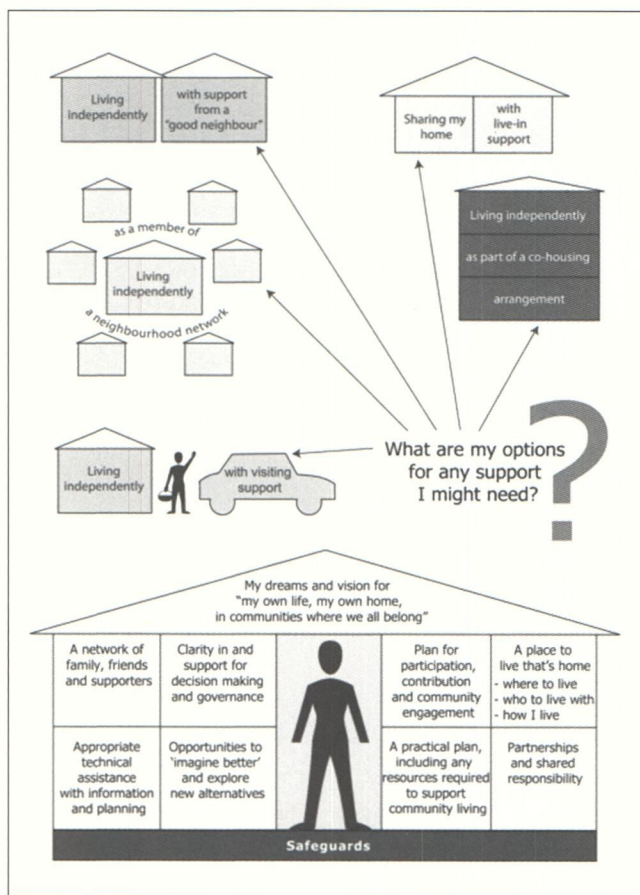
Kelly lives in a country town outside Perth. She has a very active social life and attends tafe as well as many social and recreational activities. Kelly has a physical disability, and was finding that her friends were becoming her carers. At first she liked this idea, but as time went on she realised that they were starting to see her as someone that they needed to 'look after', which affected the friendship relationships badly. This was a dilemma for Kelly, because she wanted support that was really flexible, like her friends, who were happy to come out with her late at night, or at short notice. Kelly, through a community living plan, has been able to pay the rent and a wage to a housemate who stays overnight to be available as Kelly needs her. Kelly is able to work out a flexible support arrangement with the person, and then her friends are there as back up if she needs them.

Matt's Plan

Matt also had a chance to try things out before he moved into his own place. Matt lived in the hills surrounding Perth and had a go at living in a place near his family home. But it was quite isolated and he got bored and lonely. Matt now lives in an apartment much closer to the city, near where he works and close to public transport. Matt shares his house with a person who helps him out with problem solving when he needs it in exchange for their rent being paid. Matt also has some help to get to the gym and meet people whilst he's there. A family friend also provides additional help for Matt, who often calls her if he gets stuck working out how to do something, or maybe with relationship worries. This person lives outside Perth and has so the phone calls are STD and expensive. Some of the

friend's phone bill is paid to cover their costs and make it possible for them to continue helping out. Matt is now living in a place where he has lots of connection with a wide range of people and can make choices about how he spends his time and who he spends it with.

These are just a few examples of people making community living principles work in their lives. For more information about this initiative please contact the Community and Family Living Resource Team on 9426 9200 or at community.living@dsc.wa.gov.au or follow the Community Living Plan link at www.disability.wa.gov.au ●



Lifetime of dedication delivers **Human Rights Medal** to Thérèse Rein



A lifetime of dedication to helping people reach their full potential delivered the prestigious Human Rights Medal for 2010 to Thérèse Rein.

Already well known for her high profile advocacy and patronage of major social causes in Australia, Ms Rein was announced as the winner of Australia's major human rights accolade at the Australian Human Rights Commission's annual Human Rights Medals and Awards ceremony in Sydney.

Commission President Catherine Branson QC, said the judges selected Ms Rein for her long-term dedication to human rights, especially the rights of people with disability.

"Thérèse Rein has demonstrated throughout her career, a strong and enduring commitment to ensuring that people, especially those who experience disability and disadvantage, are given the opportunity to realise their full potential," Ms Branson said.

"In her capacity as wife of the former Prime Minister, she was deeply and genuinely committed to a wide range of issues including homelessness, Indigenous literacy, child health and disability.

"In particular, her support and commitment to improving the design of housing for all Australians, including people with disability stand out. Her role in supporting and encouraging the National Dialogue on Universal Housing

Design culminated in the coming together of Australia's leading

residential and building industry players to pursue a universal housing design standard by 2020."

Ms Rein said the medal belonged to those in the community who have a disability, those people who love them, and those people they love.

"It's tough having a disability. It makes life more complicated. It makes life more challenging - not just for the person with a disability but for their families and those who care for them," she said.

"This medal belongs to those people who, because of their disability, have faced prejudice and assumptions from other people about what they can and cannot do."

ASID also congratulates Dr Jeffrey Chan, Senior Practitioner in Victoria and long standing member of ASID who was one of five people short-listed for the Individual Award from a field of more than 200 nominations. ●

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Queensland

by Madonna Tucker

ASID Qld has been very busy since the last edition of IDA. Firstly, we held our AGM in August. Our Executive has remained the same since last year, with myself as President, Julie Kelly as Secretary and Lyn McPherson as Treasurer.

Secondly, the main focus of our attention has been delivering the ASSID 2010 conference. This was held at the Hilton Hotel in Brisbane from the 29th - 30th of September to the 1st of October. The theme of the conference was "Seeking Excellence" and I must admit that it lived up to its name. For those of you who attended I hope you had a great time and we really enjoyed bringing it to you. With around 500 delegates it was a large event but with the organizing staff and the Hilton staff working together, it ran very smoothly. Some of those staff members to mention in particular were Lyn McPherson, Julieanne Yates, Dell Hele, Miriam Taylor, Ros Murrell and all the QCIDD staff who ran the conference behind the scenes. Special thanks to the conference co-ordinator Jude McPhee for all her efforts over the last 18 months. The Qld committee also had it hands full with packing satchels and assisting on the registration desk and with presenters.

"I thought it was great- the key notes were terrific and I enjoyed the many presentations I attended" said a delegate providing feedback after the conference. The presentations ranged from keynotes from Chris Oliver, Bill Carter, Helen Leonard, Deb Keen, Di Pendergast and Jennifer Zarcone, to a hypothetical on the last day of which there were many professionals examining the numerous issues concerning 'Jo'. For a more extensive examination of the caliber of presentations take a look at the ASID website. I will leave you with the words of another delegate: "Yes, it really was a great conference. You must be please with the way the conference went. Well done".

Next year ASID Qld will be looking at holding other exciting events and this will all be organized at the Annual Planning Day in January 2011.

Finally a sad farewell must be said to Lyn McPherson our Treasurer who will be leaving us at the end of the

year. Lyn worked tirelessly on the conference and has produced very good results for ASID Qld since she has been treasurer. Thanks Lyn for all your hard work and now you can have your weekends back!

Victoria

by Sam Murray

As you read this, the Victoria Region will have held the 10th Annual Disability Support Workers Conference at Melbourne University. In the next IDA, will have a full wrap up of the conference, however we are expecting record numbers to mark a decade of this event.

We are proud to have Dr Karen Nankervis (Director of the Centre for Excellence in Behaviour Support at Qld University and co-founder of the DSW conference), flying down from Queensland to join us this year and to present the opening keynote address.

As a Region, we have re-established our bi-monthly newsletter to members. This fell away due to the stepping down of the former newsletter editor. Heather Kennedy, a recent addition to the Regional Committee, has taken this challenge on with gusto and members will have already received their first electronic edition. Contributions are always welcome and can be directed to: heather.kennedy@student.rmit.edu.au

We are trying to filter our member database information so that we can streamline communication to all Regional members. We would appreciate if you could email the Victorian Secretary to update us of your email address (or postal address if applicable), so that updates, information and newsletters get to the right destination. Please send information to the Victorian Secretary, Erin Lindley: rhubarb_77@yahoo.com.au

ASID Vic, is proud to report that the statewide disability awards are in full swing with the Region playing a pivotal role in the forming and planning of these awards. As previously reported, the DSW Awards have been absorbed into a statewide sector award, however of the eight categories and twelve awards, five will be going to DSW's working day to day supporting people with disability to lead the lives' they want to lead. More information about this to follow; however the ceremony will be held on 14th April next year.

Update

The Victoria Region would like to issue an apology for the last IDA update, whereby Glen Jose was incorrectly reported as the Victorian Regional Secretary, when in fact he does a sterling job as our Treasurer.

NSW & ACT

By Tina Purdon

The ASID NSW / ACT State Conference was an energetic and informative event attended by just over 160 people. The highlight of the event was the presentation of the inaugural ASID NSW and ACT, Disability Support Professional Recognition Award.

We are honoured to recognise the efforts of Lynanne Leahy as an outstanding recipient of this Award!

Lynanne is employed by CareWest Disability Services, a service provider in Orange, western NSW. Lynanne was present to accept the award and gave quite an emotional "off the cuff" thank you on behalf of herself, her colleagues and all Disability Support Workers.

Again we gratefully acknowledge the sponsors of this Award – The NSW Department of Human Services, Ageing Disability and Home Care, Edmen Community Staffing Solutions and Australasian Disability Professionals.

The NSW / ACT Annual General Meeting was held in September and we are very happy to welcome the following new Committee Members to our team;

- Julie Deane, Macarthur Disability Services
- Heather Dunn, CareWest
- Sam Arnold, Centre for Disability Studies

It is great to see some new faces on the Committee and we look forward to working together over the next 12 months and continue to grow the recognition and membership of ASID.

At the AGM members endorsed the change of name of the organization to "Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability (ASID)-Research to Practice" and the adoption of the new logo, the increase of the annual

member's fee as proposed and the continuation of our auditors for the year 2010-2011.

The NSW / ACT Committee would like to congratulate our Queensland colleagues for their tremendous efforts with the National Conference held in Brisbane. We also congratulate our Victorian colleagues for another successful Disability Support Worker Conference.

On behalf of the ASID NSW / ACT Committee, we wish all IDA readers a happy and safe Christmas and a great year ahead.

Western Australia

by Angus Buchanan

2009 has been a successful year for ASSID WA with an enthusiastic and hard working Committee. The most recent event to be held was the State Conference. This year new format was used which proved to be a success. The Conference theme was "What does the future hold for a person with an intellectual disability?" and focussed on the issues facing people with an intellectual disability into the future on a personal, societal and environmental level.

The Conference was extremely fortunate to have as its key note speaker, Rhonda Galbally AO who spoke about the recently released Shut Out report. Other presenters also include the Hon Fred Chaney AO, Professor Trish Harris, Deidre Croft and a range of other important researchers and presenters in this area. The Conference had 110 people attend and was sold out due to venue size. Feedback was very positive.

The Conference was followed by the Annual General Meeting and the Committee for 2009/10 is Angus Buchanan (President), Nicole Beresford (vice President), Sue Peden (treasurer), Jill Mackenzie (secretary) and the State Councillors are Chris Yates, Mauricio Sanabria Isabelle Valk, Jo Sharland and Allyson Thomson.

A major priority of the Committee remains the development of membership through the provision of quality activities. The coming year plans include exploration of an annual research forum in partnership with a University, the annual State Conference and three development events.

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New Zealand

by Gary Wyatt

The NZASID Council held its annual conference in southerly city of Dunedin in late August 2010. This conference, as per last year, exceeded expectations and reaffirmed that there is a need to hold an annual event to bring together people within the sector to discuss, learn and reflect on issues that affect people with intellectual disabilities in New Zealand. With presenters from Australia and across New Zealand in attendance, the conference programme provided a wide range of coverage over a number of issues and topics. These presentations can be found on the ASID website, under "Conference Papers".

We would like to thank the keynote speakers, Professor Patricia O'Brien, Dr Jenny Torr and Dr Brigit Mirfin-Veitch, all the presenters and those that attended the 2010 Conference for again making it one of the key intellectual disability conferences in New Zealand. NZASID also acknowledged the sponsorship of the Te Pou organization in providing sponsorship for the conference.

The NZASID Council also held its Annual General Meeting during the conference. Adrian Higgins was again elected President of the NZ Council, Debbie Espiner as Vice-President, Martyn Matthews as Treasurer and myself as Secretary. The previous remaining council members were re-elected for 2010/11 year.

The AGM was also asked to consider the proposed name change from ASSID to ASID. This was discussed at length and the AGM passed a motion that the proposal for ASSID to change its name to ASID should be adopted. This then required a review of the NZ name and whether this needed to be changed. The council proposed and carried a motion that from now on the New Zealand branch name will be known as "ASID (NZ)" or "Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability (NZ)".

A number of other local events have also been held recently with Dr Jenny Torr presenting to a workshop in Christchurch on the 23rd August and also Associate Professor Matt Janicki presenting a workshop on ageing in Auckland on the 20th September 2010.

The NZ Council will be holding our next meeting in Wellington on the 13th Dec where planning will begin for the 2011 Annual Conference as well as looking at local seminars, workshops, promoting ASID in New Zealand and also the long term planning for 2012 ASID Conference, which New Zealand is scheduled to host. More details will be available in the next IDA update.

Sadly we announce that Jennifer Mofflin has had to resign from her position on the NZ Council having decided to move back to Perth. We wish Jennifer and her family all the best and thank her for her efforts for ASID in New Zealand.

For further information on the NZ branch of ASID, council members in your area, conference information or networking, please contact gary@accessability.org.nz – other contact details are available on the New Zealand branch page of the ASSID website – www.assid.org.au

Tasmania & South Australia

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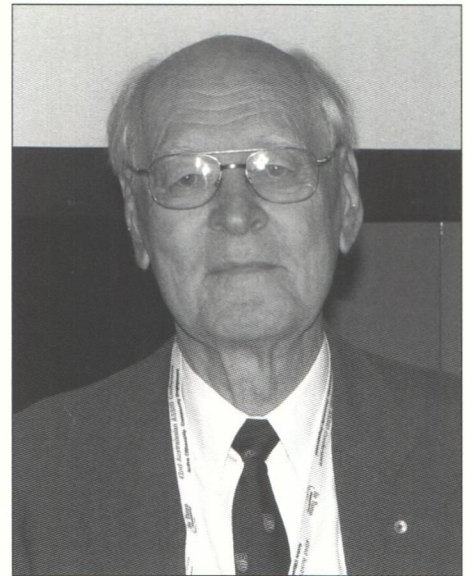
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Vale Dr Guy Hamilton AM



Founder member of ASID and Architect of social revolution passes at age 89

During World War II people with disabilities were discharged from many hospitals and institutions to make way for returning servicemen and women.

This decision by government became the catalyst for a revolution in disability services which was led in Western Australia by Dr Guy Hamilton, who passed away on 20 December 2010.

Dr Hamilton noted that people with intellectual disabilities were making their way in the community despite previously being confined in institutions. He began to see a future where participation and inclusion drove disability services and a community that welcomed all citizens. He worked tirelessly for four decades to help revolutionise disability services.

Dr Hamilton regarded intellectual disability not as an 'illness' as believed by many at the time, but to be socio-educational in nature and one best managed in the community.

He argued that locking people with an intellectual disability away or keeping them out of the public eye simply increased ignorance about them.

This would lead to suspicion, prejudice and intolerance which would further increase the propensity to hide them away and further increase the level of ignorance – a vicious circle!

So began a remarkable career ruled by a passion to provide opportunities for people with an intellectual disability and guided by an impeccable logic that whatever services are created, they must be consistent with the ultimate objective they are intended to achieve.

In 1964 Dr Hamilton was among a contingent of Australians who attended the inaugural Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency (IASSMD) in Copenhagen, Denmark. During the conference, fifteen Australian delegates convened a special meeting to elect a Steering Committee to develop an affiliated organisation in Australia. Dr Hamilton was a member of that steering committee.

In 1965 the Australian Group for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency (AGSSOMD) was formally established. One hundred and eighteen people attended the inaugural AGSSOMD conference, which was referred to

as "truly a national meeting to promote communi-

cations between a wide range of professions and disciplines which approach the multifaceted subject from many directions".

Guy Hamilton wanted staff with the skills required to achieve the outcomes he sought. As such he was responsible for the creation of a new discipline of professionals; 'social trainers' were the first Disability Professional Support workers.

If intellectual disability was to be regarded as largely an educational matter, then staff needed to know how to educate, teach and support people with intellectual disability.

Dr Hamilton argued for facilities to be built that would accommodate groups of adults in hostels throughout the community, not locked away in isolated institutions.

These facilities would also be used to provide training and development opportunity in a "flow through" model. That is, as people acquired skills, they could move to a less supported, more "normal" environment.

This "flow through" model would also be used in the work environment in an attempt to equip people with an intellectual disability to work.

At the time Guy was expressing his philosophies, the concept of "normalisation" was becoming the international catch-cry in the design of services for people with intellectual disabilities.

Wolf Wolfensberger, often described as the father of normalisation and later social role valorisation theory visited WA and spent time with Dr Hamilton and the services he created. He described Guy as "a great man" and an "inspiring leader".

Dr Hamilton acknowledged the long journey required for truly community based services for people with intellectual disabilities to become part of the system.

After he retired Dr Hamilton was afforded his wish to put the first sledge hammer into Western Australia's largest institution on its closure and he welcomed the

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Restrictive Interventions

Petition

Members and delegates at the recent 45th Annual ASID Conference highlighted the ongoing injustice perpetrated on many people with intellectual disability because of abuse of their human rights caused by the regular and inappropriate use of restraints such as physical restraint, inappropriate medication and imposed isolation strategies.

The use of such 'restrictive practices' is in contravention of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, of which both Australian and New Zealand are signatories.

Delegates voted unanimously to petition the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand, The Rt. Hon. Julia Gillard MP and The Rt. Hon. John Key and their respective Ministers of Disability to acknowledge and immediately address the issues.

The petition requested that both governments acknowledge the intolerable fact that thousands of our citizens with intellectual disabilities are subjected to such practices as being locked in a room alone for significant periods, being held down or tied to chairs, or given

medication to 'help their behaviour' in the absence of careful and regular medical review.

The petition demands that urgent action is taken within and across jurisdictions to develop a comprehensive strategy to eliminate the inappropriate use of restrictive practices perpetrated on children and adults with disabilities, including setting standards that are agreed by everyone. The standards would support better staff training, policy development, monitoring and research into the issues.

Members of the ASID Board will be meeting shortly with relevant government ministers to present the petition and progress the discussion.

The conference attracted over 500 national and international delegates drawn from many passionate and committed people, including researchers, service providers, family members and people with intellectual disabilities. ●

Vale Dr Guy Hamilton AM

establishment of community options that replaced the hostel system.

It was a measure of the man that he clung to no idea past its "use-by date" – not even his own, and in fact lobbied for change right until the end.

Dr Hamilton's teachings and perseverance changed public and professional attitudes in Australia. He created the basis for future development.

Dr Hamilton was a tireless advocate for people with an intellectual disability across Australia.

Anti-institutional, he was often pitted against his contemporaries and suffered criticism for his beliefs. Now, there is no service in Australia that has not substantially embraced his ideas.

As a leader, Dr Hamilton gained huge respect, loyalty and support from staff, colleagues and peers.

In the years following Guy's retirement he continued to advocate for people with an intellectual disability - in fact, for all people with disabilities.

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As a university lecturer, as a member of the Guardianship and Administration Board in Western Australia, as a mentor and advisor to the disability sector, as a founding member of the Australian Group for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency and as a tireless volunteer in support of children and adults with disabilities, he continued to strive to achieve the vision for good lives for people with disabilities.

In the 2006 Australian Honours, Dr Hamilton was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to people with disability, particularly through the development of educational and support services. In 2007, he received the WA Citizen of the Year Community Service Award.

Important as these things are, they are small rewards indeed for a man who achieved so much. The disability service field owes a great deal to Guy Hamilton for his vision, courage and leadership. ●

ASID Research Awards 2010

The official journal of the *Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability* (ASID) is the *Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability*, co-edited by Dr Ian Dempsey and Professor Susan Balandin.

JIDD is a peer reviewed journal which is published quarterly, with Volume 35 appearing in 2010

The journal had an impact factor of 1.0 in 2010 and is listed on both Medline & Web of Science.

The journal is also available on-line from Vol. 1, 1970

An added benefit of ASID membership for both full and student members is electronic access to both current and back copies of the journal.

On behalf of the ASID Board, the Journal Editors award an annual “**Australasian Research Prize**” at the Conference for the paper by an Australian author(s), that is published in the *Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability* in the current volume and which best meets the following criteria:

- i. a report of high quality innovative and/or practical research;
- ii. has potential for positive changes to the quality of life of people with intellectual disability

Additionally, the Editors award an annual “**International Research Prize**” for the paper by an author(s) of any nationality, that is published in the *Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability* in the current volume and which best meets the following criteria:

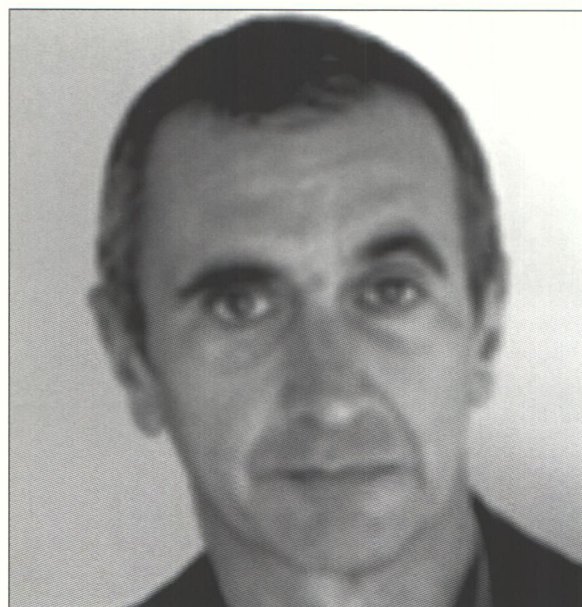
- iii. a report of high quality innovative and/or practical research;
- iv. has potential for positive changes to the quality of life of people with intellectual disability.

The **International Research Prize for 2010** was awarded to Eric Emerson, Said Shahtahmasebi, Gillian Lancaster & Damon Berridge for their paper on ‘*Poverty transitions among families supporting a child with intellectual disability*’

The **Australasian Research Prize 2010** was awarded to Chris Bigby & Patsie Frawley for their paper ‘Reflections on doing inclusive research in the “*Making Life Good in the Community*” study’

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all winners.

Welcome, also to Patsie and Chris who recently joined the ASID Board. ●



Eric Emerson



Chris Bigby



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| 14 - 15 Feb 2011 | National Disability Services NSW Annual State Conference <i>Walk the Talk ...together</i> Sydney |
| | National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) forums - various locations across the country. Check through www.nds.org.au/events |
| 21 - 22 Mar 2011 | Social Enterprise Partnerships Ltd National Conference <i>Disability Support: Options for reform</i> Melbourne |
| 22 - 23 Mar 2011 | National Disability Services & Disability Professionals Victoria Annual Conference <i>From strength to strength – focussing on Human Rights</i> Melbourne |
| | Speech Pathology Australia 2011 National Tour <i>with Professor Leanne Togher</i> For information visit: www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/news-and-events |
| 4 - 7 Apr 2011 | Pacific Disability Forum Regional Conference on Disability 2011 <i>Promoting actions on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Pacific Region</i> Auckland, NZ. |
| 18 - 19 Apr 2011 | Pacific Rim International Conference on Disabilities <i>Humanity: advancing inclusion, equality and diversity</i> Honolulu, Hawaii |
| 2 - 3 May 2011 | National Disability and Carer Congress 2011 <i>Make every Australian count</i> Melbourne |
| 5 - 8 Jun 2011 | Festival of International Conference on Caregiving, Disability, Aging & Technology <i>Growing older with a disability ; Caregiving in the 21st Century</i> Toronto, Canada. |
| 29 Jun - 1 Jul 2011 | Occupational Therapy Australia 24th National Conference and Exhibition <i>Making evidence work: informing practices, organisations and the profession</i> Brisbane |
| 6 - 8 Jul 2011 | Australian and New Zealand Communication Association (ANZCA) Conference <i>Communication on the edge: shifting boundaries and identities</i> University of Waikato, Hamilton, NZ |
| 8 - 10 Aug 2012 | 10th Biennial Early Childhood Intervention Australia Conference Perth, Western Australia |
| 5 - 6 Sep 2011 | NDS Employment Forum venue to be announced |
| 8 - 10 Sep 2011 | Asia Pacific Autism Conference 2011 (APAC 2011) Perth, Western Australia ph + 618 9389 1488 e-mail info@eecw.com.au |
| 21 - 23 Sep 2011 | 5th International SRV (Social Role Valorization) Conference <i>Getting the good life: from ideas to action</i> Canberra. |
| 4 - 8 Oct 2011 | Australian Psychological Society Annual Conference Canberra |
| 27 - 30 Oct 2011 | Australia Physiotherapy Association Conference Brisbane |
| 9 - 11 Nov 2011 | 46th Annual ASID Conference <i>To Beg or to Choose; you decide.</i> Adelaide www.asid.asn.au |

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Stamford Grand Hotel
Glenelg, South Australia

About the 2011 ASID conference

The 46th annual Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability (ASID) conference will be held at the Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg, South Australia 9-11 November 2011.

We anticipate that the Productivity Commission's report on the viability of the National Disability Insurance Scheme will be available in 2011.

Given that the findings of this report may be paradigm shifting in terms of funding models for people with an intellectual disability, the 2011 ASID Conference will ask the question:

How will our community support people with an intellectual disability, their families and carers, in the future?

TO BEG OR TO CHOOSE: YOU DECIDE

Please join us to consider and discuss these issues. Further information on the 2011 ASID Conference will be available on the conference website www.asid.asn.au.

Denice Wharldall
Conference Chair, 46th annual ASID Conference