

GSNV UPDATE

April 03

Heard The Good News?



Mentor Support From Corporate Volunteers

Wouldn't it be great if your organisation could get free help and advice from a knowledgeable and caring corporate manager? Since 1997, SEAL Force has matched over 120 middle and senior managers from Australian companies to projects in the non-profit and charity sectors. SEAL Force placements usually last six months, with the volunteer assisting the non-profit organisation for a half-day every

week.

There are five areas of assistance - business planning, marketing, website design, new income and sustainability. Assistance and business advice is also available from Civic Chamber Australia admin@civic-chamber.com.au. The SEAL Force service is free and to apply fill out an Expression of Interest form available on the web site at www.sealforce.com.au or contact them on (03) 9278 1169 or email info@sealforce.com.au

Expand Your Mind

Kaniva Some Training On The Net?

Kaniva will see the launch of the Skills.net program on April 15 at 'The Vault', Kaniva's Enterprise Centre. Skills.net is a State Government of Victoria Connecting Communities initiative working to ensure that everybody is able to access the resources of the Internet.

Skills.net provides free or affordable Internet training and access to those Victorians who wouldn't otherwise have such access. By creating or expanding existing community-based Internet facilities, Skills.net is making available new technology, multimedia equipment and training to meet the information and communication needs of all Victorians. For more information contact Kaniva's Enterprise Centre on (03) 5392 2902 or email thevault@netconnect.com.au

Teamwork Training With Tony

Teamwork Training Services run by Tony Norquay will be running a number of courses through 2003. The courses are held at the Hawthorn Campus, University of Melbourne and more information on the courses can be found at www.teamtraining.com.au or email info@teamtraining.com.au, or call (03) 9817 4094

Group Facilitation May 27 and 28 – a two day program on personal development for people working with groups. Topics include discussion, theory, practice, support and resources. Cost \$295

Team Leaders' Workshop April 4 – a hands on day for people in a team leadership role. Cost \$175

Activities and Ideas For Groups June 20 – A smorgasbord of activities to try out and take away for use with your own group. Recharge your energies and re vitalise your group. Cost \$150

It's A Giveaway!

Moira 2003 Respite Guides Southern Metro Area

Sometimes its not always easy to find out about services and service providers. But Moira has made it easy to discover all the Respite Services in the Southern Metro Area with the release of 'Time For A Break 2003'. GSNV has a heap to give away, so call the office on (03) 8341 6315 or email erickard@gsnv.org.au to have this great resource mailed to you free! Or if you would like to find out more about Moira contact them on (03) 8552 2222 or email respite@moira.org.au

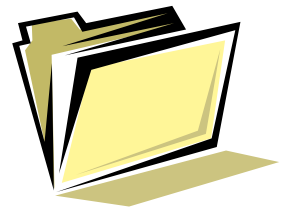


Surfing The Web

If laughter is the best medicine, this site must be a complete panacea. The e-Museum celebrates the history of Nobel prize winners with some great games for kids of all ages <http://www.nobel.se/medicine/educational/index.html>

Infoxchange Training Programs - April

Introduction to Excel: April 21
Introduction to PowerPoint: April 30
Introduction to Publisher: April 18
Introduction to Word: April 7
Introduction to Access: April 10 and 17
Dreamweaver: April 1 and 8



***Infoxchange conduct these sessions
each month.***

***For more information contact:
Amodha on (03) 9486 9355 Ext 117
E-mail:
amodha@infoxchange.net.au or
training@infoxchange.net.au***

Topping Up The Coffers

This Is Australia Calling

The Telstra Community Development Fund supports innovative projects that address current social issues affecting children and young people under 18 years of age in the areas of arts, health, education and disability. Grants begin at \$10,000. Priority is given to projects that closely align with the Foundation's priorities as noted in the guidelines.

Details can be found at

<http://202.12.135.148/dir148/tfweb.nsf/webdocs/cag~ApplicationGuidelines?opendocument> or by calling 1800 208 378.

Have A Say... Have A Go

Siblings Workshop

The ABIA and Autism Victoria is presenting two workshops on sibling issues. The workshops will be presented by Kate Strohm, Sibling Project Manager and author of "Siblings: brothers and sisters of children with special needs."

Workshop 1 will be held on Wednesday April 30 at the Balwyn Library, 7.00 to 9.00pm. Cost is ABIA/Autism Vic members \$20 single, \$30 couple, non-members \$30 single \$40 couple. The first workshop is specifically for parents of children with an autism spectrum disorder

Workshop 2 is for professionals and will focus on general disabilities. It will be held on Thursday May 1 at the Cato Conference Centre, Hotel Y, 489 Elizabeth St, Melbourne between 9.30am and 4.00pm. Cost is \$99 ABIA/Autism Vic members and \$125 non-members. Contact Autism Vic on (03) 9885 0533

WRDN – Disability Services Strategy Consultation

The Western Region Disability Network invites people to attend the Disability Services Cultural and Linguistically Diverse Strategy group consultation. It will be held on April 10, 10.30am to 12.30pm at David House, David St, Yarraville and will include information on the draft strategy, discussions on issues affecting carers and disabled people from culturally diverse backgrounds, and ways of implementing the strategy. Guest speaker will be Audrey Dropsy from the Department of Human Services. For more information or to RSVP contact Julie Pacoski at WRDN on (03) 9687 7066 or email wrdn@infoxchange.net.au

Hearing Voices Workshop

VICSERV will be presenting a workshop, Hearing Voices That Are Distressing, May 12 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Presented by Arana Pearson, the workshop includes a didactic presentation and experimental learning through a simulation of hearing which are distressing. To register go to <http://www.vicserv.org.au/>

'Gathering The Wisdom' A Conference About Change In The Lives Of People With Disability, April 10 - 13, 2003

The conference is presented by NICAN in conjunction with the Community Resource Unit and will discuss issues relevant to individuals, carers and families of people with a disability. It will be held at the Hilton in Brisbane and further information can be had from the Community Resource Unit by emailing cru@cru.org.au.

Eat, Drink And Be Merry – Groups' Activities

Chromosome 18 Registry and Research Society Annual Family Meeting

The Chromosome 18 and Research Society of Australia will be holding its Annual Family Meeting, May 24 to 25 in sunny Caloundra, Queensland. For more information contact Belinda or Marlene from the Society at translogics@froggy.com.au or call the GSNV Office on (03) 8341 6315.

Beyond Tics – Associated problems with Tourettes Syndrome

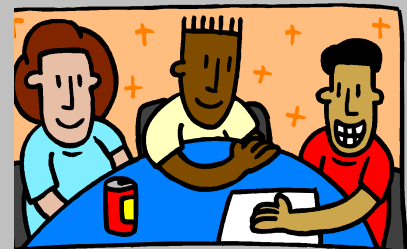
The Tourette Syndrome Association of Victoria presents 'Beyond Tics', a meeting to discuss associated problems with TS and the implications for treatment. Guest Speaker is Dr Rick Jarman, Head of Child Behaviour Clinic at the Royal Children's Hospital. For more information contact the GSNV Office on (03) 8341 6315.

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Outreach Program Coming To Shepparton

If you are in the SHEPPARTON area this is your opportunity to join a GSNV representative for a chat and cuppa. New and existing members are welcome and there will be lots of information on support and services for you and your family. For more information or if you are interested in attending please let the GSNV Office know so that we can arrange suitable rooms. Email us at ehughes@gsnv.org.au or phone on (03) 8341 6315.

The Outreach Program is a program designed to take the services and information of the GSNV out to people in rural and regional areas.



Do you or your group have something you would like to contribute to GSNV publications? We welcome all contributions! Contact Emma in the office on (03) 8341 6315 or by email erickard@gsnv.org.au or our Newsletter Editor Stephanie at gsnvnews@hotmail.com.

Further information activities can be found on the GSNV website at <http://www.gsnv.org.au/pages/news&events/events/events.php> If your group has an event you would like listed please email details to Emma at erickard@gsnv.org.au



Parents Bereavement Support Group Meeting

The next meeting of the Parents Bereavement Support Group will be held on May 16, 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm in Seminar Room 2, 4th Floor, Front Entry Building, Royal Children's Hospital, Flemington Road, Parkville. The topic will be 'Grieving...Healing...Growing' and guest presenters for the evening will be Elaine Hoskins and Pat Burns from, Compassionate Friends. For more information contact GSNV or the Social Work Department at RCH

Villa Maria Carers Forum, April 30, 2003

The forum will be held on April 30 starting with morning tea at 10.30am. Formal sessions by Carer Respite Centre staff begin at 11.00 and cover many topics including Villa Maria services and the Commonwealth Carelink Centre, nursing homes on the program, Residential Care Rights and what to expect from a carers point of view. If you want more information or would like to attend please call the Response Worker at the Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre 1800 059 059

In The Limelight

Genetic Support in a Big Country

Australia's population is small and widely-spread geographically. Genetic conditions are rare and there may be just a handful of people with any given condition in the whole country.



GSNV isn't the only organisation that acts as a network for genetic support groups in Australia - there are similar organisations with bases in Sydney and Perth, and self-help organisations in other states which involve genetic support groups.

Plans are in place for these groups to come together in the coming months to work towards a closer relationship and ensuring that people are given the best chance at getting the support they want and need from other people with similar genetic conditions, and have the best possible combined voice at a national level. We look forward to this exciting new step.

We'll Meet Again...

REMINDER
Executive Committee Meeting

April 16

6pm

Conference Room B

10th Floor RCH, Flemington Rd Parkville

For more information on anything you've read here, please contact Eilis or Emma in the GSNV office on (03) 8341-6315 or email info@gsnv.org.au