



## Tasmanian E-Bulletin **March 2011**

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**Welcome to the Tasmanian Social Worker March Bulletin for 2011.**

Tas Branch Committee meets monthly on the last Wednesday of each month. AASW members are welcome to join the meeting either at the office or via teleconference. Contact a Committee member or the Branch Office for details.

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The Commission's draft inquiry report into [Disability Care and Support](#) was released on 28 February 2011 for comment.

An entirely new model for providing supports and services for people with a disability is needed, according to a draft report released by the Productivity Commission. The draft report — *Disability Care and Support* — identifies the current disability support system as underfunded, unfair, fragmented, and inefficient. It gives people with a disability little choice and no certainty that they will get the support they need.

The Commission is proposing two schemes to address the flaws, with a rollout to commence in 2013-14. The biggest scheme, the National Disability Insurance Scheme, would be like Medicare in that all Australians would know that they or their families would get long-term care and support if they acquired a significant disability. A second much smaller scheme would cover people's lifetime care and support needs if they acquired a catastrophic injury from any accident. It would be based on widening and strengthening existing state and territory schemes.

**Key Points** <http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/disability-support/draft/key-points>

**Media Release** <http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/disability-support/draft/media-release>

The calendar of AASW TAS events, due in this issue, will be held over until next newsletter.

## Resources

### Interested in hearing social workers from USA talking about Social Work?

Go to <http://socialworkpodcast.blogspot.com/>

Thanks to Allyson Smith BSW (hons) MAASW (accred.) for sending in this contribution



MHPN Online

Online interdisciplinary mental health

networking and discussion forums

#### MHPN podcast on adolescent mental health

A **free** podcast of the second webinar held by the Mental Health Professionals Network (MHPN) is now available. A follow up to their first popular webinar “Adolescent Mental Health: depression, suicidality and cyber-bullying”, it features a case study panel discussion between psychiatrist Dr Peter Parry, psychologist Dr Simon Kinsella, general practitioner Dr Mary Emeleus, and mental health nurse Ann Garden. The podcast and slides are available at [mhpn.org.au](http://mhpn.org.au) Just select ‘Resources’ on the main menu. Or [click here](#).

<<http://www.mhpn.org.au/Resources/Webinar/AdolescentmentalhealthPart2.aspx>



**Suicide Prevention Australia proud to**

**launch youth suicide prevention position statement**

The position statement is the result of collaboration between representatives from Suicide Prevention Australia, The Inspire Foundation, Youth Beyondblue, Curtin University, Twenty10, Principals Australia, The Black Dog Institute, Headspace, AISRAP, Carers Australia, Youth Focus and Lifeline. The alliance was led by Jo Robinson from Orygen Youth Health and Dr Michael Dudley, Chair of Suicide Prevention Australia. Read paper by [clicking here](#) or by visiting [www.suicidepreventionaust.org](http://www.suicidepreventionaust.org) and navigating to the Position Statements section.

## **Message from the Branch President**

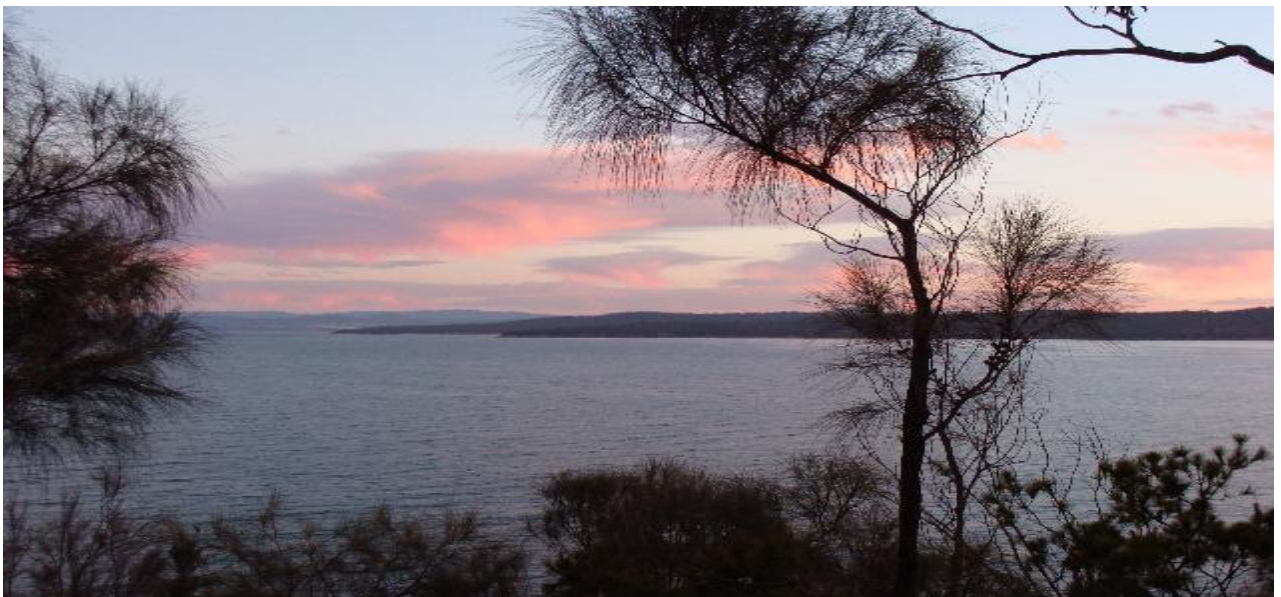
**CAROL DORGELO**    **President Tasmanian Branch AASW**



Welcome to the autumn edition of our e-newsletter.

World Social Work Day is on 15 March for 2011. There are a range of events happening around Tasmania and across the country. The social work students at the university campuses are having a BBQ lunch to mark the day; and I am sure that social workers in various workplaces will be getting together for a breakfast or dinner as a chance to have discussion and debate over a coffee or a meal. The branch has some funds to assist your WSWD activity. Please contact the office for further information.

I am launching a photographic request (not a competition) today. We are hoping to include some of your photos in each newsletter. The subject criteria is broad. Just send in a photo you have taken in your part of the world, or while on holiday and have a caption describing the photo. There will be a small AASW prize given to a contributor and announced in each newsletter.



I am including a photo of where I live on the Tasman Peninsula. The photo is the view from my verandah. A great place to relax after a busy day.

Planning is well underway for several professional development events around the state but dates are not quite finalised. The organising committee is looking for a couple of people who can help with the regional events that will be held in Burnie, Launceston, Campbell Town, and Hobart. We need local helpers for the events to run smoothly on the day. Please contact me or Sandra in the AASW office if you can help in any way.

Carol Dorgelo

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## Events

### **WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY MARCH 15 2011**

Celebrate the day

and let us know what you did to mark the event

Send in photos or description of your celebration for members to enjoy!

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### **Fighting Fair (level 1)**

#### **Mediation & conflict resolution training**

April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2011

Hobart

#### **The Course**

This interactive and stimulating 2 day course will assist professionals to explore conflict and impart the essential principles and process of mediation. The structured 5-step mediation model and specific conflict resolution skills will be presented and practiced. The course can be utilised in many different areas of conflict e.g. client work, workplace disputes and interpersonal conflict.

The training is endorsed by the **Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW)** and the **Australian Psychological Society (APS)**. It attracts **24 CPE points** through the AASW and **13 Generalist PD points** through the APS.

#### **Learning outcomes**

On completing the 2-day course, participants will be able to:

- Identify factors contributing to possible causes of conflict and barriers to resolution
- Identify the different levels of conflict and approaches to conflict situations
- Identify the conditions under which mediation is an appropriate intervention and how it differs from the counselling process
- Identify where mediation fits as an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process
- Identify the skills, qualities and attitudes that a mediator requires
- Identify the underlying concepts and principles of the mediation process
- Identify and demonstrate an understanding of the 5-stage mediation model
- Identify the various cultural considerations when mediating with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CLD) or Indigenous communities / families
- Identify and demonstrate characteristics of a mindful mediator

#### **Topics covered**

- Conflict characters
- The mediation models (solo & co-mediation)
- Mediator listening skills ('mirroring', reflecting, reframing)
- Intake assessments (how to assess whether mediation is appropriate)
- Formal and informal use of mediation (with practice in a supportive environment)

<b>Dates</b>	April 5&6
<b>Venue</b>	HFCC (Hobart Function & Conference Centre)
<b>Times</b>	9:15 – 4:15
<b>Catering</b>	A healthy vegetarian working lunch, as well as morning and afternoon tea will be provided.
<b>Materials</b>	Each participant will receive a training manual.
<b>Cost</b>	<b>\$390+GST</b> for early bird (2 months prior) or AASW members. <b>\$420+GST</b> for normal registrations. Full payment is required to confirm your place. It is advisable to register early.
<b>Cancellation</b>	If there is more than 4 weeks notice, a \$40 administration fee applies. Between 2-4 weeks, 25% of the total is payable. Less than 14 days, 50% is payable. If less than 24 hours notice is given, full payment is required.
<b>Registration</b>	Log onto <a href="http://www.fightingfair.com.au">www.fightingfair.com.au</a> and fill in the online registration form.

#### Presenter profile

Scott Dutton has more than 10 years in the welfare and training fields. He has mediated more than 200 formal mediation sessions in the areas of parent/adolescent, workplace, student/student, and family law conflict. Scott has trained more than 4000 professionals, teachers and students. In addition, he has supervised/inducted many new mediators into the field. Scott's qualifications include a BSW and BSc. (Psych. major). He has also completed a Masters level short course in Conflict Coaching, a Certificate IV in Assessment & Workplace Training, is a member of VADR (Victorian Association of Dispute Resolution) and the AASW. Scott is also a committee member of the Byron Bay Youth House.

Scott has worked with a number of the leading mediation agencies, including the Family Mediation Centre & REFS. He has worked for two Reconnect programs and as a training consultant in schools. Scott has a private practice as a mediator, works as a mediation consultant for Access Programs Australia and as a conference convener for Juvenile Justice. He facilitates training workshops for welfare and education professionals through-out Australia. Scott also facilitates in-house trainings for organisations (which have included NSW Ombudsman, UnitingCare, Vision Australia, Griffith Uni., Anglicare & Tafe SA).

#### Further information

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March**

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**Master  
Class**

**Assessment and Treatment of  
Severe and Challenging Behaviour**

**International Presenter:**

*Dr Gary LaVigna*

**Clinical Director of the Institute for  
Applied Behaviour Analysis**

**Co-Presenters:**

**Nicola Crates & Matthew Spicer**

**Venue:**

**Tasmanian Police Academy, Rokeby**

**Date: Thursday 17th & Friday 18th March 2011**

contact: [j.evans@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:j.evans@dhhs.tas.gov.au)

phone: 6233 8553 for further details

## Conferences

The biannual AASW North Queensland and Queensland Branch Conference is being hosted in Townsville 3rd - 6th November 2011.

[AASW NQld & Qld 3rd Biennial Branch Conference 2011](#)



**Advance Australia Fair? The role of Social Work in achieving social justice and human rights**

**3-6 Nov, 2011** at Jupiters Townsville Hotel, TOWNSVILLE, North Qld

(accommodation from just \$170 per night (includes brekky for 1)

**CALL FOR PAPERS - coming soon**

## White Ribbon Day *Every Day*

**Professional learning for the prevention of gendered bullying and violence**

Saturday 21 May | Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre  
Southbank | Brisbane | Queensland

This national conference, hosted by the **Association of Women Educators**, is open to everybody interested or involved in the primary prevention of violence, and includes presentations and workshops by leading Australian experts.

**The program is about teaching boys from a young age that bullying and violence are completely unacceptable.**

It is an opportunity for committed schools and organisations to be supported beyond consciousness-raising and short-term fixes and includes group discussion and planning for the initiation and support of a long-term project within school communities.

**Educators from community organisations and primary and secondary schools are encouraged to attend.**

Further details [www.awe.asn.au](http://www.awe.asn.au)

### Spread the Word

*Please feel free to forward this e-Newsletter on to friends and colleagues who may be interested.*

### Update your details

*Log onto the website with your username and password to update your details if your email, address and/or phone numbers change.*

### Send it in

*If you know of something happening in your agency or community that fellow social workers would enjoy hearing about, or you can share information from a workshop or conference you have attended, please send in a contribution. We'd love to hear from you!*

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**Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am-1:30pm**

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