

# ASPERGER'S SYNDROME SUPPORT NETWORK (QLD) INC

ABN 14 389 908 238

*A self funded volunteer parent support group  
Supporting families, siblings and people with Asperger's Syndrome  
Community Awareness through Information*



Invites you  
to a **One Day Seminar**

## “THE WORKPLACE AND ASPERGER’S SYNDROME”

**WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2003**  
**AT**

**The Greek Club & Convention Centre**  
**29 Edmondstone Street**  
**SOUTH BRISBANE**

**FROM 9.00 AM TO 5.00 PM**

Including Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea



### Guest speakers

**Dr Tony Attwood** world renown **Clinical Psychologist**  
(specialist in Autistic Spectrum Disorder)

**Alpha Employment (Victoria)**

(specialising in employment support for people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder)

**Wynnum Manly Employment & Training**

Mr Jim Cooney

#### Panel

Mr Harold Stone

Mr Garry Burge

Ms Simone Bruce

#### Who should attend

*Employment Agencies, Centrelink, Training Facilities, Parents, High School staff,  
Advisory Visiting Teachers, Transition Officers, Guidance Officers, Psychologists, Psychiatrists,  
Service Providers, Disability Services Queensland*

**TOPICS:** Overview of Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ASD employees their strength and weaknesses, Employment opportunities for people with ASD and support, a local training facility and personal experiences.

**Dr Tony Attwood** is a world renown Clinical Psychologist residing in Brisbane. He was born in Birmingham UK and first became interested in psychology at the age of fourteen years.

He has an Honours degree in Psychology from the University of Hull, Masters degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Surrey, and Ph.D. from the University of London. Professor Uta Frith was his Ph.D. supervisor.

Dr Attwood is also an author of the books “Why Does Chris Do That?” and “Asperger’s Syndrome: A Guide for Professionals and Parents” (his recent book has been translated into several languages) and has written extensively on Asperger’s Syndrome.

Dr Attwood has been presenting to parents and professionals at workshops and conferences all over the world.

**ALPHA EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (AES)** is a specialist service that places and supports clients in meaningful open employment. Two full time consultants adopt a holistic approach in identifying client needs and abilities and then provide training to become job-ready. Intensive on-the-job support is provided to both the client and employer. AES covers all the suburbs of Melbourne and some country locations.

**WYNNUM MANLY EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING** is :-A local Community based, not for profit, registered charitable organisation, who for the past 22 years has provided employment assistance and accredited and other training to people residing mainly in our Bayside area of Wynnum, Manly, Lota and adjoining suburbs.

**PANEL** Mr Harold Stone, Mr Garry Burge, Ms Simone Bruce

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The Asperger's Syndrome *Support* Network (Qld) Inc was established in March 1995 by a small group of parents. The membership has grown to well over 700 from all over Queensland and northern New South Wales. The Network is linking with professionals, schools, service providers and other organisations.

The ASSN (Qld) Inc is primarily a volunteer self-funded parent support network. Members enjoy regular monthly Newsletters, Coffee Mornings, BBQ's/Outings, Family Camps. The ASSN also promotes Dad's support, Sibling support and a support group for young adults with Asperger's Syndrome. Meetings are held monthly with guest speakers at Lawnton, Corinda, Ipswich, Mt Gravatt, Bayside, Redcliffe, Beenleigh, Sunshine Coast, and Logan West locations.

We maintain a free lending book/video & games library for financial members.

Seminars, Conferences and Workshops for professionals and parents are regularly held at various venues around Brisbane.

The ASSN (Qld) Inc sees and is responding to the need of educating the community about Asperger's Syndrome. If we examine the community in which we live, we often find people who are "odd" in their thinking and "different" in their behaviour.

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**TAX INVOICE**

The ASSN (Qld) Inc does not issue invoices. For those requiring a Tax Invoice please photocopy the attached registration form/tax invoice prior to mailing and retain a copy as your tax invoice.

**REGISTRATION**

*Early Bird registration and payment must be received in full by Friday 15 August 2003. Should you require a receipt prior to the seminar please tick box on registration form otherwise you will find your receipt in your folders.*

**PAYMENT OF FEES**

We will accept cheques, bank cheques or money orders only. Please do not send any cash. Bankcard facilities are not available.

**REGISTRATION DESK**

The Registration Desk will be open from 7.45 am.

**CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS**

Cancellations received prior to Friday 15 August 2003 will receive a refund of registration fee less an administration charge of \$10.00 after the conclusion of the conference. Refund requests for cancellations after Friday 15 August 2003 will be at the discretion of the ASSN (Qld) Inc committee

**LIABILITY**

All costs quoted in this invitation are correct at the time of printing, but may be subject to change. In the event of industrial disruption or other unforeseen circumstances, the ASSN (Qld) Inc accepts no responsibility for loss of monies incurred by participants. Participants should make their own arrangements with respect to personal insurance.

**PARTICIPANTS**

Children under 16 years of age are not permitted to attend the Seminar

## **PROGRAM**

**Wednesday 3 September 2003**

07.45 am	Start of Registration
09.00 am	Welcome address Deb Fay (President)
09.05 am	Matt Foley ML Minister for Employment and Training
09.20 am	Dr Tony Attwood (Clinical Psychologist) Overview about ASD
10.30 am	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
11.00 am	Mary Jane Blackman <book in hand>
11.05 am	Dr Tony Attwood (Clinical Psychologist) continuation of presentation
12.15. am	Mr Garry Burge Personal Experience
12.30 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
01.30 pm	Alpha Employment Mr David Cameron Successful work placements for people with ASD
02.45 pm	Ms Simone Bruce Personal Experience
03.00 pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
03.30 pm	Mr Jim Cooney Wynnum Manly Employment & Training a local experience
04.30 pm	Mr Harold Stone Inside out in the work force, where an ASD employee speaks candidly
05.00 pm	Close

**<book in hand>**

**Book Display and Sale:**

<book in hand> specialises in books about  
Autistic Spectrum Disorder for professional,  
teachers and parents  
Shop 2, 127 Sutton Street, Redcliffe  
Open Thursdays 1-5 pm and Sun 10 – 20 pr  
3885 8525 or 1800 505 221

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## REGISTRATION FORM

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"The Work Place and Asperger's Syndrome"  
3 September 2003  
9.00 am to 5.00 pm

## TAX INVOICE

Incl GST

ASSN (Qld) Inc Members:	<b>\$121.00*</b>
Non Members:	<b>\$165.00*</b>
Student/Pensioners:	<b>\$ 82.50</b>
<small>(Student/Pensioner photocopy of ID must accompany registration form)</small>	

<b>EARLY BIRD BOOKING</b> <i>For Early-bird registration**</i> <i>Registration and payment must be received in full by Friday 15 August 2003</i>	
<b>Early-bird ASSN (Qld) Inc Members:</b>	<b>\$ 99.00</b>
<b>Early-bird Non Members</b>	<b>\$143.00</b>

*No Early-bird prices are available for students/pensioners  
prices incl morning tea and lunch*

**DO YOU REQUIRE A RECEIPT PRIOR TO THE SEMINAR?** YES  NO

ASSN (Qld) Inc Member Yes  No

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr /Mrs/Miss/Ms Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P/C \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P/C \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requirements: (ie diet) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Payment Details:**

Cheque/Money Order/Bank Cheque acceptable **Send no cash** **No credit card facilities available**

### **Please make cheque payable to:**

Asperger's Syndrome Support Network (Qld) Inc

### **Mail your original registration with your payment to:**

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The Asperger's Syndrome Support Network (Qld) Inc believes that:

**ONLY WHEN THE COMMUNITY  
ACKNOWLEDGES, UNDERSTANDS, AND  
APPROPRIATELY ADDRESSES THIS DISABILITY,  
CAN PEOPLE WITH ASPERGER'S SYNDROME  
MINIMISE THE EFFECTS OF MISUNDERSTANDING.**

**EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND ASSISTANCE  
IS THE WAY TO ENABLE THEM TO REACH AND MAXIMISE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.**

For more information please contact us on the above telephone numbers.