

## Autism Awareness Month - May 2008 - Calendar of Events

Date, Time & location	Event Details	Organiser and Contact Details
Throughout May	<b>Drawtism - play Pictionary for Autism</b> Host own game of Pictionary to raise funds to support people living with Autism. Alpha Autism and Pictionary have joined forces to create this great idea. Fundraising packs will be sent to those who register free of charge.	<a href="http://www.drawtism.com.au">www.drawtism.com.au</a> 1800 606 656 Emma Johnson or Bonnie Kirkman 9525 0755
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 7 - 10pm Melbourne Bowling Club 138 Union Rd WINDSOR	<b>Karaoke Dance Party</b> Age 18 plus <b>Cost:</b> Individuals: \$10/Carers: Free	<b>JCAAA - Joint Councils            Access All Abilities</b> Larissa (03) 9209 6159
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 3pm - 5pm 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor RCH PARKSVILLE	<b>Learn To Draw</b> Not art therapy but a class for those interested to learn to draw. Parents are encouraged to stay and participate. <b>Cost:</b> Free	<b>Genetic Support Network            Victoria</b> Contact Leah 8341 6315
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 7.15 - 9.30 pm Ella Letham Theatre, Royal Children's Hospital PARKVILLE	<b>Developmental Delay what does this term mean?</b> Speaker: Dr Bronwyn Cathels, Consultant Paediatrician Parent/Carer Information Only <b>Cost:</b> \$15 each/\$25 Couple	9345 5692 9345 5898 <a href="mailto:education.seminars@rch.org.au">education.seminars@rch.org.au</a>
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 11am - 3.30 pm Knox Civic Centre Rooms 3&4, 511 Burwood Highway, WANTIRNA SOUTH	<b>Networking Autism</b> <b>Key Note Speaker - Donna Williams</b> Round Table Discussions, Play back Theatre For families and Carers <b>Cost:</b> Free	Penny - 0408 188 266 <a href="http://www.knox.vic.gov.au">www.knox.vic.gov.au</a> - events calendar

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Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 7-9 pm Maribyrnong Community Centre, 9 Randall St <b>MARIBYRNONG</b>	<b>Starting a Support Group Workshop</b> Information on how to start your own group. A free copy of 'In the Same Boat' a book written by the Collective of Self Help Groups <b>Cost:</b> Free for members of GSNV	<b>Genetic Support Network Victoria</b> Contact Leah: 8341 6315
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 7.15 - 9.30pm Ella Letham Theatre, Royal Children's Hospital <b>PARKVILLE</b>	<b>Autism Spectrum Disorders</b> Speaker: Dr Katherine Marraffa, Consultant Paediatrician Parent/Carer Information Only <b>Cost:</b> \$15 each/\$25 Couple	9345 5692 9345 5898 <a href="mailto:education.seminars@rch.org.au">education.seminars@rch.org.au</a>
28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30 - 4.30pm	<b>Social skills Training Program for Professionals</b> 3 Day Intensive workshop specially designed for teachers, school support staff and other professionals. Based on the "Social Club Model". Learn how to develop own social skills groups <b>Cost:</b> Contact ABIA	<b>ABIA</b> 9830 0677 <a href="mailto:info@abia.net.au">info@abia.net.au</a> <a href="http://www.abia.net.au">www.abia.net.au</a>
Saturday 31st May 12.30 to 4.00pm Victoria University Convention Centre The Auditorium 460 Ballarat Rd <b>SUNSHINE</b>	<b>Autism Awareness Forum</b> The keynote speaker is Dr Janine Manjiviona who is a Clinical Psychologist who specialises in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of children and adults with Autism and Aspergers syndrome. The MC is Amanda Golding who has worked as a teacher and as Executive Office for Autism Victoria, and she also has an adult son who was diagnosed with autism. Meredith Ward, Manager of the Autism State Plan will provide information of the direction of the plan. There will also be an Community Open Discussion where you can share your views and have your say. <b>Cost:</b> Free	<b>Brimbank City Council</b> Lisa Frost on 9249 4451 <a href="mailto:lisaf@brimbank.vic.gov.au">lisaf@brimbank.vic.gov.au</a> <b>Please register your attendance</b>