



# 5<sup>th</sup> Autism Spectrum Disorder Research Forum

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2006

Grevillea Room – Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre, Bell Street, Preston  
9:00 am to 4:30 pm

## CALL FOR PAPERS/POSTERS

*This is an excellent opportunity to hear about Autism Spectrum Disorder research currently being undertaken by Victorian research teams, including undergraduate and postgraduate students. The Autism Victoria Research Reference Group (a sub-committee of the new Autism Victoria Professional Panel) is especially pleased to welcome our keynote speaker, **Dr Susan Leekam**. The day will provide an excellent opportunity to share common interests and concerns in the autism research field. It will be suitable for all autism researchers, students, clinicians and autism educators, as well as parents interested in Victorian autism research. Please note that the **forum will focus on research matters**, and participants should have a reasonable knowledge of Autism Spectrum Disorders and research methodology.*

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Dr Susan Leekam

Sue Leekam is a Reader in Developmental Psychology at the University of Durham, UK. Her research in autism reflects a particular interest in the developmental changes that occur in behaviour and cognition. She is also investigating the occurrence of features of autism in typical infant development in a major longitudinal research study of infants. She was involved in developing and publishing the Diagnostic Interview of Social and Communication Disorders (DISCO), and has set up a specialist unit for research and postgraduate training in developmental psychopathology.

### PROPOSALS TO PRESENT YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT ARE NOW INVITED...

The day will comprise a Keynote address, and a number of 20 – 30 minute oral presentations, as well as poster presentations. An oral presentation block may cover the work of several linked research projects. The Poster Session will form part of the forum program. A concluding commentary and question time will complete the day. If you would like to be considered as a presenter (either oral or poster), please forward a proposal, **via email**, briefly outlining your research project, methodology (and findings if applicable), as well as details of your team member(s), supervisor (students only), and contact details to:

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**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> September 2006.**

Registration forms will be available from Autism Victoria - phone (03) 9885 0533 or from our web site [www.autismvictoria.org.au](http://www.autismvictoria.org.au) from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The forum program will be posted on this same website on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.