



## **APAC CONFERENCE IN PERTH...SEPT 2011...WILDFLOWER SEASON!**

### AUTISM NEWS...

Mary Muirhead, Mary Christian and Mandy Sampson from L4life committee all ventured westward last month to attend the Australian Pacific Autism Conference. 1700 delegates attended and it was a great chance to catch up on research, case/ longitudinal/outcome studies, hear about current practices and ideas, look at new technology (the latest Ipad apps, video modelling, computer programs etc) but best of all to network with people in the Autism Field from Australia/ Asia/Pacific and further. Below 3 of our colleagues Chris Stocco (Autism Partnership), Shannon Eeles (CISCA) and Karen Mc Kinnon (AP) relaxing in the beautiful Kings Park.

### OTARC VISIT

A group of people from Autism Behavioural Intervention Assoc, including L4l representatives visited the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre before the conference to share ideas and hear the research from Australia's only Autism specific research centre. We also visited the Margot Prior Wing of the Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centre early October at their Open Day. More ideas to share and hear about. We

appreciate the effort and time put into these sessions by the staff at OTARC and Margot Prior wing.





## **GO JO GO...MELBOURNE MARATHON THIS SUNDAY...**

This Sunday 9th October Jo Chappell, pictured above right, will run a full marathon (42km!!!) to raise funds for Learning for Life Autism Centre. Jo is the Director of the Bellevue Kindergarten in Nth Balwyn where the L4life Ready Set Go Kinder Readiness Program is housed every Saturday morning (pictures RSG left ..& visit from Chester the dog!). Jo is a passionate kinder teacher with an interest in special education. The kinder is also fortunate to have another exceptional teacher in their 3 year old program, Cathy Gleisner, who runs our RSG program on Saturdays on top of her busy Bellevue Kinder week....I am fortunate to join in on Saturdays as the music teacher for the group session. By chance the 3 of us have found each other at Bellevue after graduating from the same school decades ago in 3 consecutive years....not too many degrees of separation in Melbourne!! It certainly gives our RSG program a family feel though ....we would like to wish Jo all the very best for the run Sunday and hope the weather is favourable. You too can support Jo's champion effort and the families at L4life access early intensive intervention programs by going to ... [http://www.everydayhero.com.au/jo\\_chappell](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/jo_chappell)

Best Wishes and Good luck Jo, Mary Muirhead (Director - L4life) and all at L4l

Join in the fun at the Autism Behavioural Intervention Association Fun Day...meet other families and enjoy the activities....

RSVP for Sausage Sizzle and tell a friend...



## FREE Family Fun Day in the Park!

**SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER**  
**12noon – 3pm**  
**Wattle Park, Burwood**  
**Cnr Riversdale & Warrigal Roads**  
**Melway 60 J2**



- ✓ Sausage Sizzle supported by Kiwanis Moorabbin
- ✓ Balloon Animals & Magic Show by Balloonantics
- ✓ Face Painting by Giddy Art
- ✓ Fun children activities

*PLEASE JOIN US!*

*BYO picnic rug, snacks & drinks*

*Enjoy a free sausage (or two...) and an afternoon of fun!*



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AND 'THE TROUBLE MAKERS', AND SWING PATROL

Learning for Life **HELPING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL**

Looking forward to creative inspiration for the Ball this year.....you can look at recycled fashion this Sunday 9th October at the Hawthorn Town Hall Take 2 Market

<http://www.take2markets.com.au/latest-news.html>

Or start sewing from left over material or recycled materials....

Or visit an op shop near you ...tell us your favourite!

All the money you save you can add to donations at the Ball to make it a great success and help as many families as we can access intervention ....

# **DONATIONS "THANK YOU...WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!"**

## **In Kind/Products for new centre...**

- Richard Braun, removalist [www.removalswithbraun.com](http://www.removalswithbraun.com)
- L4life "Building Dads" for the fence and new room at the new Balwyn Centre
- Bowden Corporation...thanks to builders who donated time to help us move, make good our old building and modify the new centre, window/parts donated
- Glenferrie Painters/Dulux Paint...paint donated for centre
- Assistant "removalists" & packers, committee, families, staff and friends of L4I
- Simon Mc Phail/Fowles, new carpet foyer and new room donated and laid

## **Funds donated in last few months:**

Lord Mayor Charitable Fund - Grant towards family sponsorship

Jennifer Hutchins Charitable Trust - towards workshop family sponsorship

Cooper Foundation - towards family sponsorship

Working Dog Productions

M2M Riders....Team Toro

Herten Family - L4I Programs (Ball sponsorship)

Orchard/Mc Neilly Families - sponsorship visit in July by Scott Wright, consultant Lovaas Institute, USA to visit families and train staff

## **Volunteers:**

Jemma Donnellan & Design Grant - graphics for "RecycleBall 2011"

Barbara Remen - writing, website and new brochure

Ball Committee/helpers - Wendy Cooper, Rashmee Bala, Bart Power, Megan Power, Sue West, Vikki Clarke, Margaret Heffernan, Christine Darcas, Katherine Brown, Mel Priede

Management Committee Mandy Sampson, Sally Mc Neilly, Melanie Larkey, Cathy Ryan, Naomi Labrum, Chris Wilson, Mary Muirhead, Mary Christian, Pam Roy and Tom Gleisner