

Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders

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Communiqué from the Board meeting January 2011

- The Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders (AAB –ASD) comprises Jon Martin AUTISM SA (Chairperson), Penny Beeston AUTISM QUEENSLAND (Deputy Chair/Secretary), Adrian Ford AUTISM SPECTRUM AUSTRALIA (Treasurer), Joan McKenna Kerr AUTISM WA, Tracey Myles AUTISM NT, Murray Dawson-Smith AUTISM VICTORIA, Mick Clark AUTISM TASMANIA & Bob Buckley AUTISM ASPERGER ACT. Secretariat support is provided by Scott Shepherd AUTISM SA.
- **Election of Office Bearers:** Chairperson (Jon Martin), Deputy Chairperson (Penny Beeston), Secretary (Adrian Ford) and Treasurer (Adrian Ford).
- **Review Outcomes of Strategic Planning Session with FaHCSIA:** The board reviewed outcomes from the May 2010 meeting and determined to continue building upon existing initiatives and relationships with FaHCSIA.
- **ASD Register Proposal:** The Board noted that there has been no further action on the National Autism Register.
- **Director Status.** Mick Clark (Autism Tasmania) informed the board that he would be stepping down as a Director due to a new CEO being appointed to Autism Tasmania.
- **2011 Strategic Priorities:** The Board identified three key strategic objectives for 2011.
 1. Broaden Influence
 2. Identify & articulate the needs of the Autism Spectrum Community
 3. Raising Awareness
- **APAC 11 Update:** The Asia - Pacific Autism Conference 2011 (APAC 11) conference will be held in Perth in September. The time schedule for planning is on target with key note speakers finalised and currently being asked for abstracts.
- **National Recognition Awards:** The Board determined the inaugural National Recognition Award recipients will be presented at APAC 11 and will be decided by the APAC 11 organizing committee.
- **Secretariat:** The board resolved to accept the job description and service agreement for the newly appointed Secretariat position filled by Scott Shepherd from Autism SA.
- **2010 Statutory Accounts:** The Advisory Board approved the statutory accounts for the period ending December 2010.
- The next Board meeting will be held in Melbourne on 19 -20 May 2011.

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