



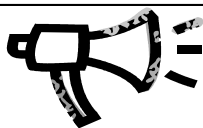
BushChatter

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Welcome to 2010!

A new year with a chance at a new beginning

As most of you may already know, the Advocacy In Action Project has been *out* of action recently. However, with a new Project Officer on board, we have big plans for the new year!

Write to us about the newsletter or anything else on your mind. Ace is at the MDAA office doing Advocacy In Action on Mondays and Fridays. All messages are passed on if either of us is busy.

Lori and Ace

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New Advocacy in Action Project Officer

Hello everyone

My name is Ace Boncato and I have taken on the role as Advocacy Development Officer for the regional and rural work that the Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association does in NSW.

I love coffee, tea, food, chocolate, singing, music, long chats and I'm always up for a joke and a laugh.

I am in the office on Mondays and Fridays so if you have any ideas or suggestions as to what you want to see in our Project/your community or if you simply just want to have a chat about anything and everything, I would really like to hear from you. I am always interested in finding out about what's going on in your local area and would love to be involved in however way I can.

As a person with disability myself, with a passion for social justice, I am so excited to be on board.

~Ace

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Your feedback is important to us.

If you have any comments about this Newsletter or if you'd like to make your contribution, give us a call on:

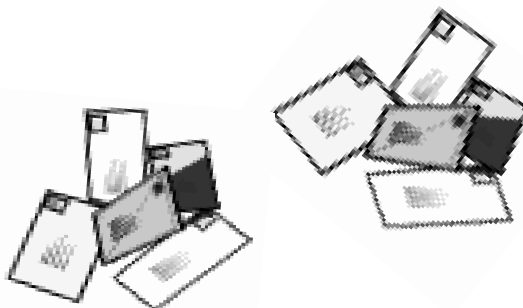
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If you are unfamiliar with the National Standards for Disability Services, a copy of the standards, including an Easy Read version, is available from the National Quality Framework project website at: www.dhs.vic.gov.au/disability/improving_supports/national-quality-framework

Consultation on National Standards for Disability Services

There are four main ways for you to have a say about the National Standards:

1. Online survey - available on the National Quality Framework project website at http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/disability/improving_supports/national-quality-framework/online-survey-for-the-national-standards

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3. Telephone feedback - The NSW Fair Trading Information Centre is also open for telephone feedback. This method is particularly recommended for individuals who are unable to access other consultation methods, or who prefer to talk to someone about the National Standards. To provide telephone feedback in NSW, please call the NSW Fair Trading Information Centre on 1300 528 937.

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The Australian Medical Association has weighed in on the new Rudd [health care](#) proposals.

The Allergists voted to scratch it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

The Gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve.

The Obstetricians felt they were all labouring under a misconception.

[Ophthalmologists](#) considered the idea short-sighted.

Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Paediatricians said, "Oh, Grow up!"

The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it.

Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing.

The Internists thought it was a bitter pill to swallow, and the [Plastic Surgeons](#) said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter...."



The [Podiatrists](#) thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea.



The Anaesthesiologists thought and the Cardiologists didn't



the whole idea was a gas, have the heart to say no.

In the end, the decision up to the



Proctologists won out, leaving the entire arseholes in Canberra.

Source:

<http://www.topix.com/forum/world/australia/TCN8BMR3L7QHL5KA5>

An Outback Aussie Bush Joke



Texan in Australia

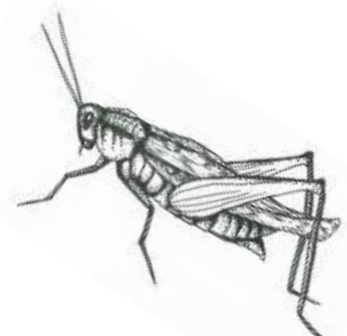
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Bargains and Bartering



A new addition to our newsletter! If you have something you would like to give away, barter, buy or sell for cheap, let us know!

First item we have for *Bargains and Bartering* is a printer that you can connect to your computer. It is preloved, yet in top condition. Details: Colour printer (two), Brother and HP, hardly used, almost brand new.

If you are interested, or have something to give away, barter, buy or sell for cheap, contact us at the office.

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Do people like
accessible toilets
locked or unlocked?

Tell us what you think!

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or

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Let us know!

Results of the poll will be published in
the next issue of BushChatter



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