



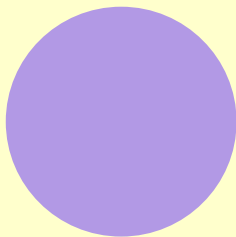
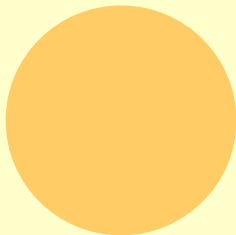
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Sunraysia Autism Spectrum Support Group  
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Sunraysia Autism Spectrum Support Group - 0447 239 441

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## Richard Eisenmajer – November!!

The committee of the Sunraysia Autism Spectrum Support Group has been able to attract **Dr Richard Eisenmajer to Mildura in November.**

Dr. Eisenmajer was one of the key note speakers at the Victorian Autism Conference and he gave lots of practical and insightful advice. He is coming to Mildura on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2010 and he will give 2 talks. One will be aimed at parents and carers of someone on the spectrum, this will be held at 9:30am in the morning and he will talk for 2 hours. We will be able to ask lots of questions, this will let us direct the talk to what we want to hear. The other session will be held in the evening and is primarily aimed at teachers, aides, school support staff, and professionals, and of course parents are welcome too! Both sessions will be at the “Setts” and for the morning session morning tea and coffee will be provided and for the evening session the bar will be open and drinks will be available at bar prices. (supper will be supplied free).

The cost of each session will be \$20 for parents & carers and \$45 for professionals.

Richard Eisenmajer is a Clinical Psychologist and specializes in the assessment of Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome and the provision of counseling and behavioural interventions for clients and their families, as well as providing professional development and training or education services and professional organizations

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## Your INVITATION to : SASSG “Family Night out!” at the FUN JUNGLE



Yes we are going to the FUN JUNGLE again. After the success of the last FUN JUNGLE night we thought we would organize it again.

Kids will be free (play and meal) and parents can get in for free but they will have to pay for their own meals.

It is a great place for a family outing. Parents can sit back and relax while the kids are entertained.

WHEN?	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September
WHERE?	FUN JUNGLE (Lime Ave Mildura)
TIME?	6:00pm-8:00pm

**PLEASE RSVP by 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Ph: Donna 0438056471

Email: [sunraysia.autism@gmail.com](mailto:sunraysia.autism@gmail.com)

**please let us know you are coming  
ASAP!**



## Event Review: Victoria Autism Conference

We had over 50 people attend, in Mildura, for the 2 day Victorian Autism Conference and 1200 state wide.

Autism Victoria are very happy with the response from participants and they plan to have it again in 2012.

It was great being able to choose what talk to go to with the conference split up into age groups, with pre-school, primary, adolescent and adult streams.

For anyone who missed out or wanted to see other streams that you might have missed on the day, the DVD is due out in a few weeks and can be pre-ordered from Autism Victoria. Also, SASSG will purchase a copy for our resource library for members to borrow.

Thanks go to Emma Godsil from Autism Victoria, volunteers on the day and the Setts for providing a great venue. Also we would like to thank Carer's Support Services, SASSG, and FASCHIA for funding some of the delegate places.

If you have idea's for other speakers or workshop ideas then just let us know. You can write to:

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<http://mc2.vicnet.net.au/home/autismssg/index.html>

## Information Session: What is RDI®?

RDI® (Relationship Development Intervention®) is an intervention for individuals on the autism spectrum that targets social interaction and dynamic thinking skills. It is a home-based, parent-led program in which parents are taught how to re-establish the guided participation relationship with their child.

RDI is not restricted to any age and families who are interested in more information can contact us and visit the RDI Connect Website:

<http://www.rdiconnect.com/>

The RDI Program for ASD is a tailored set of objectives, extending from the Family Guided Participation Program and intended to target the core deficits of individuals with the diagnostic distinction, Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Every month we are very lucky to have a visiting RDI Consultant and provisional Psychologist in Mildura to consult with families - Renee Dela Cruz.

These info sessions are aimed at parents and carers, later in the year we will be looking at another public RDI info session. Please let us know if you are interested.

Price: \$5 per person  
(light supper provided)

Time: 7:00pm

Date: Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Venue: Total Learning Centre

(part of Mildura Primary School Senior Campus in 12th Street)

Contact: Sharon or Donna If you are interested in learning more and or would like to attend, please email or telephone.

Donna: 0438 056 471

Sharon: 0447 239 441

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*RDI = Relationship  
Development  
Intervention*

*RDI program for  
Autism Spectrum  
Disorders.*

## Event Review: Parents Night Out, PRONTO

Over 20 parents attended the parents night out at PRONTO. We had a lovely meal with lots of friendly conversation. Sharon our secretary organised a wish list to be passed around the table and we have a exciting list of idea's for parents, just mums and just dads activites. These include Ten pin Bowling, Xbox/PS3 game night, Paint Ball, Lazer Tag, Resort, Rustic Olive for the parents. For dads only we have Pool/Darts pub night, Paintball/Lazer Tag, golf and poker night. And for the mums we have movie/cinema night, winery tour, pamper session, dinner/lunch and Thairiffic.

So look out we have a list!!!!!!!!!!!!

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## Our August Committee Meeting

The August SASSG committee meeting was held at The Pizza Café and we had 5 new mums come.

We were having nice chats that it was a shame that we had to talk about meeting stuff.

We also had Natalie Byles come from CAMHS come along. We are working together with Natalie to put together a "Welcome to Autism Pack" for the Sunraysia area. This will include what options you have in Sunraysia for treatments, useful resources and web sites that are available.

We have been able to gain funding, so far, from the Kids Clinic to help with the resources needed to put it together.

Please feel welcome to attend out committee meetings. It is a great chance to talk to other people in the same situation as you. The Sunraysia Autism Spectrum Support Group is able to fund \$10 to go towards you meal. We go to a different restaurant every time.

The next one is on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August at Enjoy Wine, 120 Eighth Street Mildura, at 7:00pm. At this one we have Linke Smedts the Loddon Mallee Practice ASD case consultant coming. She is a very inspirational person and she leads the Echuca Support Group.

If you would like to attend then just give Sharon a call on 0447 239441

Everyone is Welcome!!!!

## Book Club!

Do you love reading books? Are you always on the lookout for books about Autism/Asperger's?

Well...help us for the SASSG book club! This group is brand new and is yet to come together. (Think you'd like to run/host book club? We are looking for volunteers!)

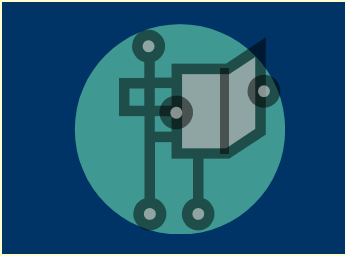
The club will be for anyone who is interested in reading and chatting about books regarding Autism Spectrum Disorders. Through the work of our volunteers and fund raising we have managed to secure enough funds to purchase books for book club members to borrow, read and either purchase at a discounted price (if you love it!) or return to us so we can add them to our resource library to loan out to all SASSG members.

The group will meet monthly - venue, times and dates are yet to be confirmed.

Any ideas about how we can run this? Please get in touch we'd love to hear from you!

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## Richard Eisenmajor Mildura Seminar

To register early for the seminars you can log on to:

<http://sunraysiaautism.wufoo.com/forms/richard-eisenmajor/>

Or a registration form will be included in our next newsletter.

Richard is also offering private consultations and small group sessions.

The small group sessions are designed

for a small groups of parents or perhaps teachers that would like a more personalized talk with Richard.

To book a session

please call Donna on 0438 056471

## Fundraiser-Stubbie Holders

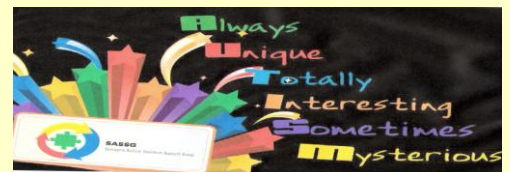
The Sunraysia Autism Spectrum Support Group now has stubbie holders for sale.

Thanks to Kirsty for organizing this.

If you would like to buy a stubbie holder or you think you could sell some please give Donna a call on 0438 056471.

They are selling for \$10 each.

See design below



## Sue Larkey...

We have booked Sue Larkey to come and speak for 1 day next year. She is coming on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2011. We hope to finalize the date soon so that teachers can put it in their diaries.

Sue has been to Mildura 3 times before

and she usually has a full house. Her talks are very vibrant and exciting with lots of personalized information. She also brings along lots of resources.

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