



## Annual Report to Australasian Board for the Regional Association of: Queensland

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Position vacant			

## 2. Meetings of Regional Association / Regional Executive, inc. AGM

No. of Meetings	Comments
11	<p>ASSID Queensland met every month during the last year. We met initially at the Kookaburra Cafe and then in November at the Great Cafe and Restaurant where we enjoyed much discussion over light refreshments. Then at the beginning of 2009 we began our meetings at Anam Cara, thanks to Centacare Disability Services.</p> <p><b>AGM</b> ASSID Qld held an AGM on the 21 October 2009 at Centacare in Nundah. It was quite well attended and our committee is now full. All of the committee members from last year have returned and we also have two new committee members.</p>

## 3. Strategic Plan

Date of Review	Comments
17 Jan 2009	<p>ASSID Queensland held a planning day on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2009. This was held at Lyn McPherson's house and gave us an opportunity to plan for the year ahead. We not only organised all the events we were to hold but also who would contribute to them. It was great to have all members of the committee volunteering their time and organisational skills. It is of great assistance that all members contribute and that it is not just the Executive who organises these events. It did not result in a strategic plan as such, but did give us an opportunity to plan for the year ahead. A strategic plan is on the agenda for 2010.</p>

## 4. Regional Conference

Date	Comments
15 August 2009	<p>ASSID Queensland held a State Conference at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2009. There were around 80 people in attendance. It was an invited speaker event, with Prof Patricia Howlin from the United Kingdom headlining the occasion. The day was very well received and we received many comments of commendation such as:</p> <p><b>“I found it to be most informative, the speakers provided very thought provoking relevant and in-date information and it was a fantastic opportunity for networking. Congratulations to you and your team for a very successful day.”</b></p> <p><b>And</b></p> <p><b>“Thank you for putting on a great day on Saturday. I always learn something that informs my work and study when I attend a(n) ASSID event.”</b></p> <p>This was our first large event organised by the current committee and the organisation was tremendous with it all running very smoothly.</p>

## 5. Regional Activities, including forums, seminars & professional development

No. of Activities	Comments
4 events	<p><b>Site Visits</b>            We continued on this “new event” in ASSID history which we call a “site visit”. It is a way of promoting ASSID and bringing ASSID into our own workplaces. It provides an informal networking opportunity for ASSID members over light refreshments. It also provides information about other ASSID members and their places of work. We held 3 sites visits during the last year and those were at the Guardianship and Administration Tribunal in December 2008, Centre of Excellence for Behaviour Support (CEBS) in March and Centacare Disability Studies in October 2009. We have also had other organisations volunteering their workplaces and this activity may continue into 2010.</p> <p><b>Australasian Code of Ethics for Direct Support Professionals</b>            It was a dark and stormy night when ASSID Qld launched the Code of Ethics on Wednesday the 20th of May 2009. Keith McVilly gave a presentation that was well received and all participants received a copy of the Code. Unfortunately we had many people who did not come because there was flooding on the roads that Brisbane had not seen in a very long time. However the participants that did manage to come commented that it was well worth the attendance.</p>

## 6. Media Project – *Certificates of Recognition*

No. of Certificates	Comments
n/a	Our committee did not present any media certificates in the last year.

## 7. Contributions to *Intellectual Disability Australasia*

Comments
ASSID Queensland contributed to every edition of Intellectual Disability Australasia in 2008-2009. We also organised who would write each contribution to IDA at the planning day so that the writing was contributed to by all.

## 8. Contributions to / Promotion of Research

Comments
ASSID Qld has contributed to the promotion of research by organising and promoting ASSID 2010.

## 9. Promotional / Marketing Activities

Comments
ASSID Qld supported a seminar that was held on the 23 October 2009 by the Sex and Relationships Network of which they acknowledged ASSID very well. I gave a verbal acknowledgement of what ASSID did and an advertisement regarding the Australasian conference for 2010. I also left ASSID membership forms and flyers regarding the conference for people to take and participants took advantage of that material. It was a very good way of promoting ASSID and ASSID 2010.

**10. Financial summary (Auditors' Report Attached)**

Comments
Attached is the Auditors' Report for ASSID Queensland.

**11. Any other issues of note, plans for the forthcoming year or issues for the Australasian Board to pursue**

Comments
<p>ASSID Queensland will hold the Australasian conference in 2010. We have a Conference convener: Madonna Tucker and some conference partners, namely: Australian Association for Developmental Disability Medicine (AADDM) and The Centre of Excellence in Positive Behaviour Support (CEBS). We have also procured funding from Disability Services Queensland in support of running the conference.</p> <p>Overall I feel as President, very lucky to have our regional committee. All members contribute and everyone is reliable, prompt and provide fabulous ideas about ASSID issues. I believe now that ASSID Queensland has an excellent committee and ASSID Qld has a great chance of forging forward in the coming year.</p>

**12. Address at which all archival information for the regional association is being stored.**

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*Signed - Regional President*



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