



**Annual Report to the Australasian Board for the Region of:  
Western Australia  
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## 2. Meetings of Regional Council / Regional Executive, inc. AGM

<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>Comments</b>
11	Meeting have been held monthly at the offices of Nulsen Haven, an organisational member.

## 3. Strategic Plan

<b>Date of Review</b>	<b>Comments</b>
January 2009	WA has taken Australian Plan and developed local operational plan to support activities. This is review on a monthly basis at the Council meetings.

## 4. Regional Conference

<b>Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
September 17, 2009	<p>The ASSID WA State Conference was on September 17.</p> <p>The theme this year was "What does the future hold for a person with an intellectual disability?" and focussed on the issues facing people with an intellectual disability into the future on a personal, societal and environmental level.</p> <p>The key note speaker is Rhonda Galbally AO who spoke about the recently released Shut Out report. Other presenters also include the Hon Fred Chaney AO, Professor Trish Harris, Deidre Croft and a range of other important researchers and presenters in this area. The Conference was followed by the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>The Conference had 110 people attend and was sold out due to venue size. Feedback was very positive.</p>

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

No. of Activities	Comments
4	<p><b>1) " TUNING IN " ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER</b>  This is being published periodically, at this stage approximately every three months. The aim of the newsletter is to provide regular up to date news and information to WA members. Those members who do not have e-mail receive a hard copy through the mail. There has been positive feedback regarding the newsletter.</p> <p><b>2) 2009 ASSID STATE CONFERENCE</b>  See Section 4</p> <p><b>3) 'LAUNCH' OF CODE OF ETHICS</b>  The first major event of 2010 was the launch of the <i>Australasian Code of Ethics for Direct Support Professionals</i> held on March 10 with special guest Dr Keith McVilly, the co-author of the booklet and . While the Code was officially launched in 2007 at the Australian Conference, the WA Committee decided to "relaunch" the Code of Ethics in WA at a more intimate gathering of members and to include representatives from the sector. Thirty members and guests attended an excellent presentation by Dr Keith McVilly who provided a background on the development of the guidelines and some compelling evidence to underpin their implementation. Some thoughtful discussion took place which included input from providers who have integrated the Code into their organisational polices and practices, policy makers and senior government officers. It is always pleasing to see that the leadership shown by ASSID in the development of the Code is having such tangible outcomes.</p> <p><b>5) COMMUNITY LIVING FORUM</b>  Over 40 people attended the Hot Topic night in June where the Disability Services Commission recent initiative – The Community Living Plan was presented by Eddie Bartnik and Marc Lema. The presentation covered recent developments influencing policy change which is manifesting in new approaches to thinking about the development of community based options with individuals and strength based models of funding. Eddie spoke about the initial development of this work in his Key Note Speech at the Board Conference in 2007 and it was positive to hear about a range of outcomes now occurring for individuals and their families that have emerged from a systemic development process.</p>

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

No. of Certificates	Comments
Nil	

## **7. Contributions to *Intellectual Disability Australia***

<b>Comments</b>
Quarterly Regional Updates Provided

## **8. Contributions to / Promotion of Research**

<b>Comments</b>
ASSID WA is working towards the establishment of an annual research forum in partnership with a university research centre

## **9. Promotional / Marketing Activities & Links with Other Organisations**

<b>Comments</b>
See 8

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

<b>Comments</b>
Auditors report will be sent separately.

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

Comments

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