



Free DVD!

We know you love to read stories about other families.

Please send us ANYTHING your child's been up to. If they appear in the bulletin, they'll receive a \$20 voucher for a DVD of their choice!

There are only 5 vouchers available, so get your stories in.

For more information, contact Debra Truscott on:

1800 198 263

Please send us your feedback about the bulletin and content provided so we can keep it relevant and useful.

Any stories you would like to share about your children's experiences and successes would also be appreciated and we're sure other families would love to read about them!

Please also let Angie know when e-mail and/or postal addresses change so we can keep our list updated. [angie.loraine@tccp.com.au](mailto:angie.loraine@tccp.com.au)

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## Upcoming events:

### Free Workshop in Lower Great Southern 'Finding Inner Strength'

Are you looking after a family member or friend with a disability, chronic or mental illness or who is frail aged? If yes, then join us in learning how to draw on your inner strengths and resilience within your caring role, whilst having an opportunity to meet other carers in your local area. Limited places available. For more information and registrations, please contact the Events team on 1300 227 377. This is a FREE Workshop runs by Carers WA - Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

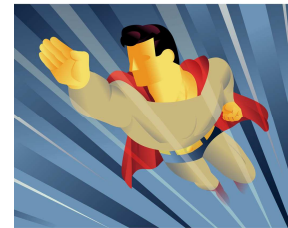
#### Esperance workshop

Date: 16 June 2009

Event Start: 10:00 am -2.00pm

Duration: 4 Hours

Location: Lotteries House, 3 Forrest Street, ESPERANCE WA 6450



#### Albany workshop

Date: 18 June 2009

Event Start: 10:00 am -2.00pm

Duration: 4 Hours

Location: TBC

#### Denmark workshop

Date: 19 June 2009

Event Start: 10:00 am -2.00pm

Duration: 4 Hours

Location: TBC

### Children's Rec Services Summer Weekend Break

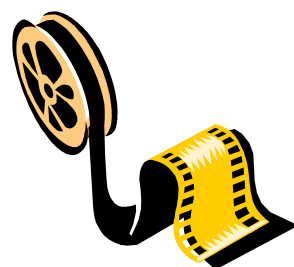
Young people aged 12—18yrs are invited to come and enjoy a weekend break exploring and experiencing new opportunities. Helping you to have a great time will be two Recreation Workers who both have experience with facilitating weekend breaks for young people.

Activities to look forward to will include Fremantle Prison tour, shopping at Freo markets, movie nights, horse carriage rides, eating out and more!!!!!!

#### When:

Arrive at Woodman Point 4pm Friday 24th July and Depart 2pm Sunday 26th July 2009.

For further information or to register your interest please contact: Rachael Koch on (08) 9443 0268 (Mon & Tues) or 0447 600 054. Email: [rachael.koch@tccp.com.au](mailto:rachael.koch@tccp.com.au)



## My Pet Hates - By Jacqueline Church from Kambalda



"Welcome to the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of our bulletin. This bulletin allows us to get in touch with families and organisations in the country regularly to let you know about upcoming events, news & new resources."

Included in this edition:

1. My Pet Hates - by Jacqueline Church
2. FREE Bunbury/ Busselton information sessions and workshops
3. More than gadgets conference
4. The Western Australian No Interest Loan Service
5. Livewire
6. Upcoming Events

I am a woman, nearly 18 years old, and I have a disability; I suffer from Cerebral Palsy (CP) which has an affect on most of my body. I'm writing this article for the sake of myself and other disabled people to talk about some of the things that annoy me most when I deal with able bodied people.

It is the way that they think if we are in a wheelchair or have a visible disability that we are all mentally challenged. My most hated thing in the whole wide world is when people shout at me as if I have a hearing problem or talk slowly, or baby talk to me because they think I obviously don't have the brain power to answer them back or understand. I get very embarrassed when this happens.

Some people with a disability can answer you, but it might take a while for the person with the disability to answer you back, please have the courtesy to wait for us. We know that quite often people are in a hurry and don't have the time to wait and we understand this. Sometimes it takes our brainwaves a few seconds to tap into an answer. Most of us can understand what you are saying so talk and look at me not at my assistant; we do hear what you are saying to us. Talk and treat me as you would any other person.

We have the same feelings as you do, happy, sad and angry etc. Don't judge us the same, we are all different in our own way e.g. personality, habits and needs. We are living people so don't ignore us. Please give us respect because if we were in your shoes we would show the same respect to you and others.

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## FREE Bunbury/ Busselton information sessions & workshops

The Country Resource Program will be visiting Bunbury/Busselton from the **28th to the 31st of July this year**. The program will be hosting a series of free information sessions and workshops over the 3 days. This includes a full day teacher workshop and a Cerebral Palsy Awareness Expo. The Country team will be visiting local agencies and your Local Area Co-ordinators. We welcome teachers, parents, grandparents, siblings, therapists, LAC's, child health workers and anyone who works with a child with Cerebral Palsy to attend. The sessions' schedule and venue will be advertised soon! Keep checking your Bulletin!!



## MORE THAN GADGETS CONFERENCE ESPLANADE HOTEL FREMANTLE 24-25 August 2009

Assistive Technology has a critical place in all environments to enable access, learning and participation for people with disabilities, learning difficulties and medical conditions. It provides students with the tools to access education, training and recreational pathways. In doing so, it creates opportunities and increases the potential for inclusion in our communities.

This inaugural conference is planned by key disability agencies, education and government bodies in Western Australia with seed funding from the Non-Government Centres Support Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs Programme.

Keynote presentations and workshops will be presented by:  
**Kelly Fonner**

Educational & Assistive Technology Consultant and associate lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA and by

**Commissioner Graeme Innes AM**

Australian Human Rights Commission formerly known as the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC).

The 2 day programme will be of interest to therapists, teachers, education assistants, parents of a child with a disability or students with a disability. The conference will include international, national and local speakers, trade displays of innovative technology, practical workshops and best practice displays.

For information on sponsorship/exhibition opportunities and registration visit the conference website [www.morethangadgets.com](http://www.morethangadgets.com)

**Conference registration fees:**

**Early Bird** before 3 July 2009 \$200 **Regular** after 3 July 2009 \$275

**Day Rate** before 22 August \$150 **Late registration** (after 22 August) per day \$175



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## The Western Australian No Interest Loan Service

(Source — WA NILS website)

Western Australian No Interest Loan Service (WA NILS) is a not for profit organisation created in response to the difficulties faced by low income households in obtaining affordable credit in order to purchase essential household items. "Low Income" is defined as anyone who holds a Commonwealth Health Care Card or pension card. WA NILS can help make getting a loan achievable.

The necessity to use credit for the purchase of essential items places low-income consumers in a vulnerable position amongst the various players in the financial marketplace. First hand experience and the findings of numerous research projects by consumer groups indicate that many financial institutions unfairly discriminate against low-income consumers, particularly in relation to credit provision.

It is a sad irony that those on the lowest incomes generally pay the highest rate of interest for credit. These rates are justified by the industry on the basis that the nature of the loan and its recipient make it high risk lending. WA NILS provide loans up to \$1,500 without interest or charges to low income earners to purchase basic household items. Loans are generally repaid within eighteen months and are only for new goods.

For more information, contact WA NILS by:

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Email: [reception@wanils.asn.au](mailto:reception@wanils.asn.au)



### Have You Tried Livewire Yet?

The CRP team are keen to get feedback from young people in regional areas on how Livewire is working for them. If you have used it to link and develop networks with other people let us know. Give Kerry Ramsey a call on 1800 198 263 to give her your feedback.

### Haven't heard about Livewire: What is Livewire?

Livewire is a safe and fun online community for young people (aged over 10 and under 21 years) living with serious illness, chronic condition or disability. Livewire is a supportive place for them to hang out, connect, share experiences, creatively express themselves and realise that they are not alone in their situation.

### What can you do on Livewire?

- Meet new and old friends on Livewire Messenger and chat
- Keep up to date with news, reviews and interviews – music, sport etc
- Join Livewire community forums, blogs or online diary
- Enter competitions – there's games, activities, and cool prizes to win

For more information, go to <http://www.livewire.org.au/>

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