



Welcome to the
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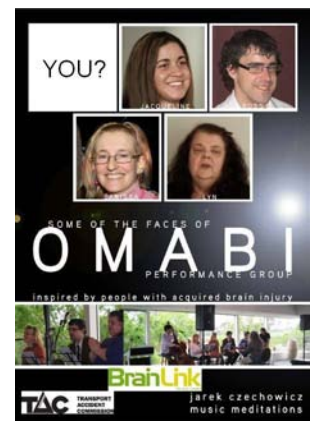
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1. **Brain Injury Awareness Week**
2. **New Wave Self Advocacy Group**
3. **Second Strengthening Advocacy Conference**
4. **SARU Crossword**

1. **Brain Injury Awareness Week**

The 14th – 20th of September is Brain Injury Awareness Week. The theme for this year is focussed on **Children, Young People and Acquired Brain Injury**. In Australia, there are almost 25,000 children aged 0-14 and 55,000 young people aged 15-24 with a brain injury, and over 10,000 more acquire a brain injury every year – from car or bike accidents, falls, infections and illness, or child abuse. **There are many events happening during the week some of them are:**

- **Launch of Brain Injury Awareness Week,**
Supper Room Melbourne Town Hall,
Sunday 13th September 11am-1pm
Phone Vanessa on 9845-2955
- **Brain Injury Matters and OMABI Performance Group**
are hosting - **Self Advocacy in Motion**
Wednesday September 16 11am until 1.30pm
Ross House level 4, 247 Flinders Lane Melbourne
Lunch provided RSVP Ph: 9639-7222
- **Compass Clubhouse Open Day**
Compass Clubhouse 79 High Street, Northcote
Tuesday 15th September 1:30pm-3:00pm
Activities include a tour of the clubhouse, opportunity to meet members and representatives from North Melbourne Football club. RSVP- 9489-4399
- **Employment After Brain Injury**
Monday 14th September 10.00am-1.30pm
TAC Auditorium Level 5 60 Brougham St Geelong
Guest Speaker – Philippa McRae Manager Head2work Lunch will be provided
RSVP essential – places are limited Jacqui Pierce 5258 4205



2. New Wave Self Advocacy Group

New Wave is a self advocacy group in Gippsland. They have recently received two years of funding from the Department of Human Services. They will be using the money to open a Self Advocacy Centre in Morwell.

The SARU is one of the groups who will be supporting New Wave.

They have developed a great model and are using community partners to provide support and advice including Gippsland Advocacy, the Community Legal Centre, Rural Access, DHS, Reinforce and SARU. The centre is going to be in the Gett Centre, Buckley St, Morwell



The New Wave Self Advocacy Centre will be officially launched by Arthur Rogers on Tuesday November 2nd 2009. For information contact the SARU

3. Second Strengthening Advocacy Conference

The DARU (Disability Advocacy Resource Unit), SARU (Self Advocacy Resource Unit) and VDAN (Victorian Disability Advocacy Network) are joining together to hold the **2nd Strengthening Disability Advocacy Conference**. This year the conference theme is **Working Together**.

The SARU will be running sessions at the conference including:

- **Connections** - Using the internet to connect to other self advocates and groups
- **Human Rights - Millionaires Hot Seat**
- **Step by Step Lobbying and Campaigning**



The SARU will have a table at the conference and there will be support workers there for self advocates they can provide assistance to go through the program, in the sessions, or to have a more active involvement in the conference.

DATE: 17-18 November 2009 **WHERE:** Jasper Hotel, 489 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne 3000

The SARU will be sponsoring a number of self advocates to attend. We will let you know the details closer to the conference

4. SARU Crossword

On the next page is the first SARU crossword. Have a go and see what you think. If your group would like to make a crossword for our next e-memo or for your own newsletter contact the SARU on:



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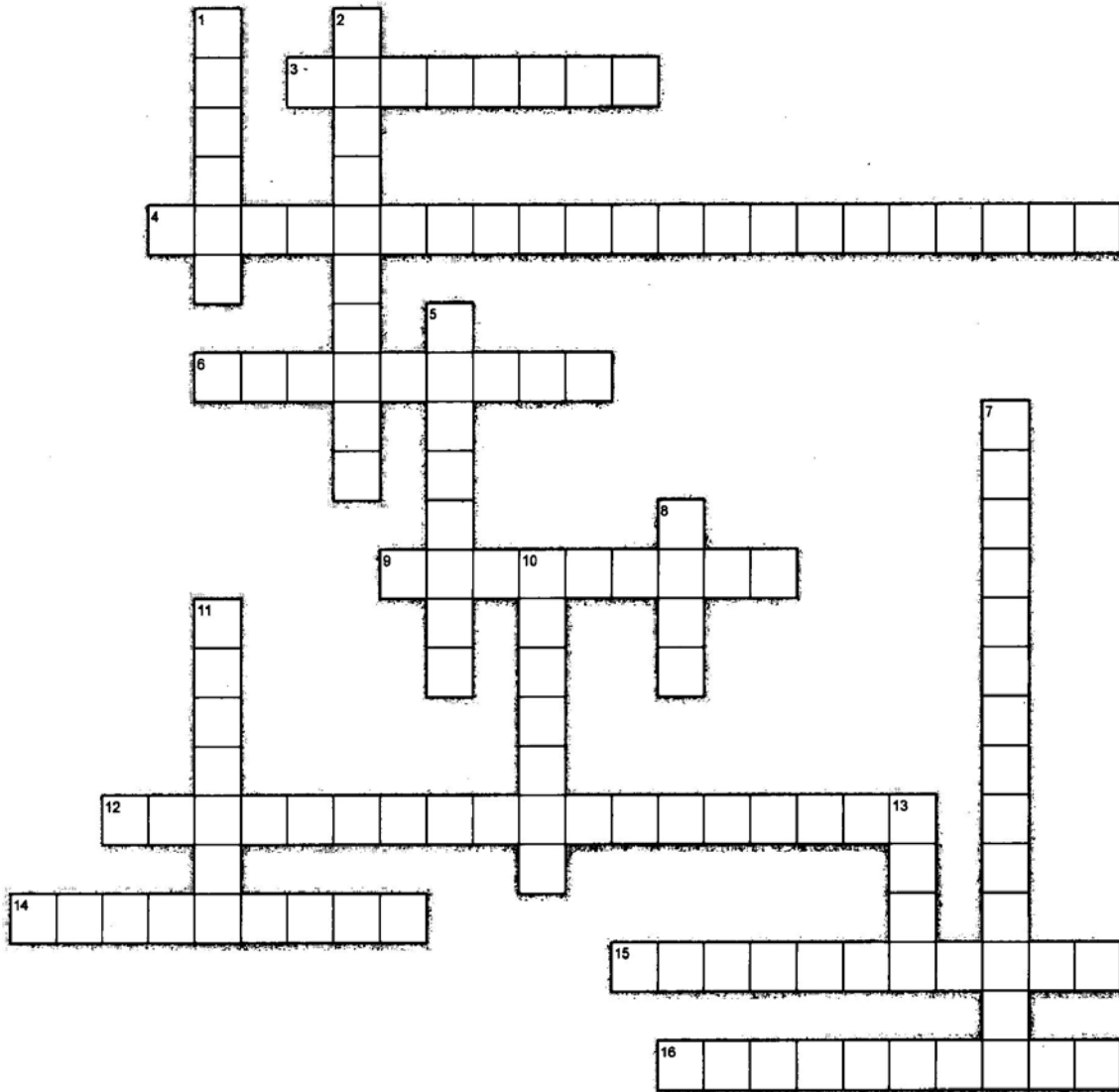
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SARU Crossword Number 1

SARU



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3. A program on the internet where people chat to friends, have their photos, make new friends and join groups
4. The DARU, SARU, VDAN Conference is about this
6. The name of the building where the SARU has its office
9. One of the longest running self advocacy groups in Victoria
12. The name of a self advocacy group for people with an ABI
14. The month Brain Injury Awareness Week is in
15. Victorian Equal _____ & Human Rights Commission
16. A legal service for people with disabilities

Down

1. United Nations convention on the _____ of persons with disabilities
2. A conference run by VALID
5. One of the rights people have is freedom of m_____
7. The word used when people treat you badly or differently because you have a disability
8. A word made from the initials of Freedom, Respect, Equality and Dignity
10. Self Advocacy is about strength in _____
11. The name of a new self advocacy group in Gippsland
13. The short name used for the Self Advocacy Resource Unit