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1. SARU Update

Welcome back everyone. We hope you are ready for a busy and exciting year. There are lots of great things happening in self advocacy this year. Here are just some

- Three new self Advocacy groups are now up and running with lots of future plans they are the Sister Rocks Self Advocacy Group (Stawell) the Hume Self Advocacy Group and Bendigo Self Advocacy and Friends. Phone SARU if you would like to contact any of these new groups
- In August SARU will be holding a big forum to support groups to plan and set up the Victorian Self Advocacy Network. So watch out for the meeting date coming soon.
- In October the Self Advocacy Roadshow will be happening in Shepparton, Wangaratta and Bendigo – with lots of great activities happening. The new Bendigo group is already planning to hold a networking B-B-Q.

Jacqui has taken seven months leave to go and study in China - we hope she has a great time. We would like to welcome Dean Dadson who will be doing her job while she is away. We also welcome Heidi Peart who is working at SARU on a special project (see below)!



Welcome Back!



2. Coming Soon!!!!!!!!!!!!

SARU has some great new kits to give away to groups. The kits provide easy to follow information about running good groups, having good meetings, how to lobby, public speaking and how to use Facebook .

Heidi will be visiting every group to give out the kits and talk about how you can use the kits to help with your self advocacy work. Some of the books from the kits are already available on the SARU website

3. Voting is for Everyone

The federal election is coming up on September the 14th. It is really important that you have your say in this election. Your voice counts! If you are not registered to vote you should think about enrolling .You can enroll online follow this link <http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/>

If you would like to learn more about government and voting contact Billy at the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC). The VEC can come to your group and run a session for people with a disability about voting . You can also contact them and ask them to send you some copies of their DVD "Voting is For Everyone" which *"looks at why it is important for people living with a disability to vote, and how to get help if you need it"*.

To find out more about the workshops or the DVD contact Billy:
ph: 03 8620 1194 e: billy.crombie@vec.vic.gov.au

4. Calling on All Self Advocacy Groups

SARU would really like to include stories from self advocacy groups in our monthly memo. You could write about your meetings, issues you think are important, projects you are working on, things you like about your group, members stories – anything and everything.

SARU will send out copies of some of our top DVD's to all the groups who send us a story. So why not get writing at your next meeting? Email your stories to SARU



5. What's On

What: Watch the film *Life of Pi* with open captions for free Arts Access Victoria, Vicdeaf and Action on Cinema Access have partnered to bring you this accessible screening event!

own chairs and
Melbourne

When: Saturday March 2nd 7.30

Where: Hay's Paddock Longstaff St, Kew East 3102,
Map: 45 Ref: J2

6. Funding

Who: Besen Family Foundation

How Much: Up to \$10,000

What: For projects that help make the community better and promote inclusion

Closing Date: Thursday 28 March 2013

More Information: For more information go to their website
<http://www.besenfoundation.org.au>

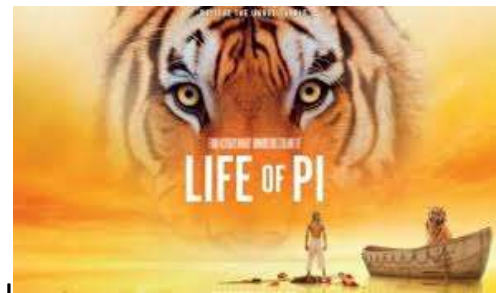
If you need help to write an application contact SARU

5. SARU Word Search

On the next page is the SARU word search. 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.

If your group is having a special event let us know and we will put it in the Memo email us you info. You can also help us by letting us know:

- what you think of the memo
- how we can improve or make the memo better
- things you would like to read in the memo



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