

Training available for February, March & April 2008

DBMAS & Alzheimer's Australia Tasmania (AAT) are pleased to offer tailored one day workshops four times per year and a two day workshop once per year in each of the three regions across Tasmania.

Confirmation of registration will be sent one week prior to commencement of course.

Initially there will be 4 places offered to each facility per course, though a wait list will be kept and Supervisors / Managers will be notified if places become available.

Morning, afternoon tea and a light lunch will be provided for whole day workshops.

Failure to attend may incur a fee of \$25.00 per day per person to cover costs. If you wish to register staff for any training, please contact:

Linda Graham, Alzheimer's Australia Tas for a registration form:

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GPO Box 1606, Hobart 7001

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Fax: (03) 6224 1244

Email: linda.graham@alztas.asn.au

There will also be Self-Directed Learning packages available for ECA's. Currently there is one package available - "*Communication and the Person Living with Dementia*".

If you are interested in completing this package please contact Jackie, Linda, Matthew or Allan.

If there is a topic you would like to see as a self-directed learning package please let one of the staff of DBMAS know.

FEBRUARY

North/West

Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th "*Understanding Dementia Care*" 1400-1600hrs (RSVP: Tues 12th Feb '08)

N.B. This training is for EACH-D staff, therefore, they have 1st preference.

Venue - Yaraandoo - Somerset

MARCH

South

Thursday 13th & Friday 14th "*P3 Aggression Management Program—Aged Care Specific*" 0900-1630hrs (RSVP: 28th Feb '08)

Venue - Alzheimer's Aust. Tas. Training Rooms - 119 Macquarie St. Hobart

North/West

Thursday 27th "*Managing Symptoms of Dementia*" 0900-1600hrs (RSVP: 13th March '08)

Venue - Beachway - 1 Heathcote St. Ulverstone

APRIL

North/West

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd "*P3 Aggression Management Program—Aged Care Specific*" 0900-1630hrs (RSVP: 19th Mar '08)

Venue - Beachway - 1 Heathcote St. Ulverstone

North

Tuesday 8th - "*Managing Symptoms of Dementia*" 0900-1600hrs (RSVP: 25th Mar '08)

Venue - The Grange - Campbell Town

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th "*P3 Aggression Management Program—Aged Care Specific*" 0900-1630hrs (RSVP: 2nd April '08)

Venue - The Grange - Campbell Town

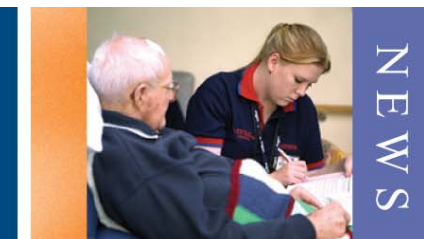
South

Tuesday 22nd "*Managing Symptoms of Dementia*" 0900-1600hrs (RSVP: 8th April '08)

Venue - Alzheimer's Australia Tas, 119 Macquarie St. Hobart



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NEWS

Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Service (DBMAS) Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the first Newsletter for The Tasmanian Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Service (DBMAS).

The Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Service (DBMAS) is a new State-wide service.

DBMAS is funded by the Australian Government under the Dementia Initiative to make dementia a National Health priority.

DBMAS aims to improve the quality of life of people with dementia and their carers by providing a support service in managing behavioural symptoms commonly associated with dementia.

The Tasmanian DBMAS program operates under the umbrella of the Department of Health and Human Services and is managed by Mental Health Services South.

When the service is fully operational, staff will be co-located with Older Persons Mental Health in the three regions of the state: South, North and North West.

What does the service provide?

Our team of health professionals will provide clinical assessment, intervention and evaluation, including:

- Clinical support and advice,
- Clinical supervision, mentoring and modeling behaviour management techniques,
- Short term case management and care planning,
- Facilitated access to other dementia support services, and
- Workforce capacity building, e.g. tailored information and education workshops.

Who can access the service?

This service is available to care-workers, services and carers providing care to people with dementia, where the behavioural symptoms of the person with dementia are impacting on their care, including:

- Staff and volunteers of Australian Government funded aged care services,
- Other clinicians (e.g. GP's, staff of mental health services for older people) providing care to people receiving Australian Government funded aged care services, and
- Family carers.

The Tasmanian DBMAS have formalised a collaborative partnership with Alzheimers Australia Tasmania (AAT) to provide the education component of the Tasmanian DBMAS. The education officer appointment by AAT to this position is Linda Graham.

For further information please call DBMAS on 03 62 307541

or Email: dbmas@dhhs.tas.gov.au

Soon a 1800 number will be operating for easier access to the service.



The staff from the Tasmanian DBMAS wish everyone a very
Happy New Year and look forward to meeting with everyone in 2008
and providing more information regarding the service.



Introducing Staff of DBMAS



Jackie Morling A/State-wide Coordinator for Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Services (DBMAS) and the Dementia Support Unit Project (DSU) for the past two and a half years. I have worked for the DSU and now DBMAS for seven years as a liaison officer responding to referrals statewide. Prior to joining the DSU, I was coordinator for the Shore Street Psychogeriatric Day Care Centre at Lindisfarne, part of Older Persons Mental Health Services South (OPMHSS). Before joining the DSU I spent ten years at the Royal Hobart Hospital in the department of Psychological Medicine.

Contact: (03) 6230 7543 or Mobile: 0419 395 170



Linda Graham FRCNA - Nurse Educator

I have been a nurse for many years—the last 17 years has been mainly spent in the area of staff/professional development. I am based at Alzheimer's Australia Tasmania in Macquarie St. Hobart. I have found my time with DBMAS fulfilling and exciting—there are many changes occurring in how we deliver care for those people living with dementia and being able to share knowledge as I also learn, is rewarding.

Contact: (03) 6224 3077 or Mobile: 0407 822 787



Matthew Aston Acting Liaison Officer with DBMAS and the DSU project since April 2006. I am a registered nurse with extensive experience in psychiatric nursing which includes more than ten years as a community nurse with OPMHSS.

Contact: (03) 6230 7540 or Mobile: 0419 556 486



Julia Zantuck - Admin Support Officer P/T. I have been with DBMAS and formerly DSU since 1997 working two days/week, job sharing with Debbie Barr. Debbie is currently on extended leave and therefore I am also working her days. When I'm not in the office working with the good looking staff of DBMAS, I'm likely to be found on my family farm working with the even more attractive cattle and sheep that pay the rest of my salary.

Contact: (03) 6230 7541



Allan Lobwein - A/Psychogeriatric Liaison Officer, N/W. I am a registered nurse with over 30 years experience in Psychiatric, General Medicine, Aged Care and Rehabilitation nursing. Most of my study and work has been with Queensland Health and while working with the Community-based Older Person's Mental Health in Toowoomba I helped establish the Aged Care Consultancy Service. My wife and I moved to Tasmania in 2003 and I initially worked as Clinical Manager of a Dementia-specific High Care home in Launceston. Following this we moved to the N/W where I undertook the project of initiating the Older Person's Mental Health Service as Team Leader. I have recently taken over the DBMAS role and feel this is one of the most important roles for Mental Health Services for older people.

Contact: (03) 6440 7001/6434 4003 or Mobile: 0419 895 300

Dementia Care Conference
Program & Registration
Dementia Care "The way forward"
 21st - 22nd February, 2008 - Rokeby Police Academy, South Arm Road, Rokeby

Alzheimer's Australia Tas.
 Living with dementia

Presenters and address titles:

Robyn Moore, "Its always the first time"; Glenn Rees, "All roads lead to the consumer"; Malcolm Lazenby: "Be the Change"; Adjunct Associate Professor Sally Garratt, "Quality Dementia Care: is it mission impossible?"; Kathryn Marney, "The Freemasons Experience"; Rhonda McCoy, "From dreams to reality ... the joys and tears of culture change"; Simone Tedman, "Annie's House"; Dr. Jane Tolman, "Working partnerships - the role of GP's in dementia care"; Ron Sinclair, "Dianna's Story"; Associate Professor Rosalie Hudson, "Ethical issues in end-of-life dementia care"; Prue Mellor, "Saying it how it is - care planning for dementia"; Associate Professory Susan Koch, "SEX - not in my unit"; Dr. Michael Valenzuela, "Ten things I hate about Alzheimer's ... Ten BIG remaining questions"; Professor Henry Brodaty, "Management of behavioural symptoms of dementia"; Associate Professor Marc Budge, (to be announced).



For further details or registration form.

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This conference is proudly sponsored by Aged & Community Services, Tasmania.

Exciting News for Professional Staff - Dementia Care

The Victorian and Tasmanian Dementia Training Study Centre is an initiative of the Australian Government in line with its recognition of dementia as a national health priority.

TIME for dementia is coordinated by the Australian Centre for Evidence Based Aged Care (ACEBAC); a research centre of La Trobe University, Bundoora.

TIME for dementia will offer on-line and paper based training packages to health care professionals from all disciplines.

TIME for dementia will provide registered participants with access to experts in the field of dementia care through the mentorship program.

TIME for dementia will promote dementia related research through provision of PhD scholarships.

TIME for dementia will provide education packages to undergraduate health care students.



Further information regarding scholarships and registration to access the education package can be found on the TIME for dementia website at: www.timefordementia.org or by contacting on (03) 9495-3141

Linda Graham is one of the Tasmanian mentors for nurses undertaking the course and can be contacted on 6224 3077 or 0407 822 787.