

BOBATH NEWS

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Well, 2008 was a BIG year with a record number of course run, and the start of our first Tutor Training Group. 2009 promises to be a very exciting one as well.

Selection for the first Australian Tutor Training Group was completed in late 2007.

Congratulations to Aleka Freijah, Carolyn Luke, Ellen McDonald, Alena Scurrah and Jane Tillyard.

They are a now year into their training. You will see them assisting on courses over the next few years, please make them welcome.

ABTA is reorganizing the administration and as a result we have a new website (should be up and running VERY shortly – check it out!!!) and will soon have a new email address – stay tuned.

New publications

For all of you who have been asking – “where can I go for further reading about the Bobath Concept – here it is!!

Bente Gjelsvik, a Norwegian Bobath Instructor has written – **The Bobath Concept in Adult Neurology** It was published in 2008 and is now available in Australia. It is a great reference book.

You can also find further reading at IBITA website (www.ibita.org) – literature reviews section.

“What is Normal Movement?” Courses

Prerequisite - open to qualified physiotherapists, occupational therapists. Some courses may be OT or PT specific. Contact convenor for further details.

Prerequisite for Basic Bobath Course (Adult Hemiplegia)

Please note, all “What is Normal Movement” courses will have a particular theme. Any of the themes qualify as a prerequisite for the Basic Bobath Course.

“What is Normal Movement ?” Courses 2009

Dates / Location	Theme	Contact
4-5 th April Sydney	TBC	Kate Holmes kholmes@stvincents.com.au
25-26 th April Perth	Hip and pelvis	APA WA branch
2-3 rd May Gippsland (country Vic)	TBC	Melissa Kearney MKearney@lrh.com.au
16-17 th May Melbourne	Core stability	APA Vic Branch
23-24 th May NSW, venue TBC	TBC	lea.mcquade@bigpond.com

26-27 th June Shepparton	Lower limb	Andrea Robottom Ph: 58322200
Date to be confirmed Melbourne OT course	Painful shoulder	Tania Quong at OTAustralia
7-8 th August Melbourne	TBC	APA Vic Branch
29-30 August Darwin		Aleka Freijah afreijah@bigpond.com
12-13 th Sept NSW – venue TBC	TBC	lea.mcquade@bigpond.com
8-9 th October Gold Coast	TBC	Sheree Erwin sheree_erwin@health.qld.gov.au
17-18 th October Sydney	Orthopaedic course	Kate Holmes kholmes@stvincents.com.au
14-15 th Nov Perth	TBC	APA WA branch

Basic Bobath Courses (Adults with Hemiplegia)

Prerequisite - completion of “What is Normal Movement?” course.

Please note: Wherever feasible, the courses will now be run in two parts – two weeks, then a final week 2-3 months later.

NB: There is a single case design or essay component to be completed between 2nd and 3rd week of course.

Basic Courses in 2009

Dates	Location	Contact
15 th – 26 th June 19-23 rd Oct	Jakarta	Kim Brock tarella2@bigpond.com
9-20 th Nov 2009 & 18-22 nd Jan 2010	Melbourne	APA Vic Branch

Advanced Bobath Courses - (Adult Hemiplegia and other Neurological Conditions)

Prerequisite – 6 months clinical experience following completion of IBITA recognized Basic Bobath Course (Adult Hemiplegia)

Advanced Courses in 2009

Dates	Location	Contact
1 st -5 th July	Adelaide	APA SA branch
15-19 th July	Brisbane	APA Queensland branch

PLEASE NOTE: ABTA and course leaders have no involvement in enrolments for courses. Please contact course convenors/contact person for details on courses and enrolment procedures

No courses in your area? If you are interested in running a course in your region, or at your hospital, contact Australian Bobath Tutors Association. We can tailor a course to suit your needs.

This newsletter is no longer being sent by mail. If you know someone who thinks they may have fallen off the list, please have them email me – there are LOTS of email addresses on the mailing list that bounce back – changed job/ changed emails etc,etc

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