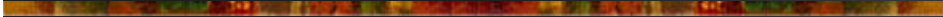




Thinking Outside The Chair





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- Service and Innovation
- Research
- Arts and Leisure.



Service and Innovation

- it means challenging the status quo and advancing innovation so we can not only improve services, but through innovation, foster equity, positively change our society and inform policy that makes a difference to people's lives



Research

- our commitment to research in services contributes to the creation of a sustainable future pathway for the well-being of people with cerebral palsy



Arts and Leisure

- access to the arts and leisure is critical to all of us ... 'our soul food'



.... and how do the conferences
themes bring these ambitions
to life ?

- willingly serving others
- achieving excellence
- living our values
- the will to use our capacity
- achieving self renewal



Serving Others

- serving is not a detached activity in which all choices are objectified, it is a task which intensively engages one's subjectivity, indeed our humanity



Achieving Excellence

- people have great difficulty excelling at things on a prolonged basis



Living Our Values

- our deeper values that inform our service delivery are our commitment to the basic, human and inalienable rights of people with disabilities and in so doing underpins and informs what "service to others" should be



The will to use our capacity

- resources, talent, authority and organisational strengths all can lose their potential relevance if sufficient resolve does not exist to enlist these advantages



Self Renewal

- today and tomorrow we will share, savour and extend to others our progress and accomplishments
- this it is hoped can lead us to a kind of critical appreciation of what it takes to really be of service



... and the relevance of this to
people with cerebral palsy?



Blessed are you who take time to listen to defective speech, or you who help us to know that if we persevere, we can be understood



Blessed are you who walk with us
in public places and ignore the
stares of strangers, for in your
companionship we find havens of
relaxation



Blessed are you that never bids
us "hurry up" and more blessed
are you that do not snatch our
tasks from our hands to do them
for us, for often we need time
rather than help



Blessed are you who stand
beside us as we enter new
ventures, for our failures will be
outweighed by times we surprise
ourselves and you



Blessed are you who ask for our help, for our greatest need is to be needed



Blessed are you when by all these things you assure us that the thing that makes us individuals is not our peculiar muscles, nor our wounded nervous system, but is the God-given self that no infirmity can confine



Blessed are those who pick
things up without being asked



Blessed are those who
understand that sometimes I am
weak and not just lazy



Blessed are those who forget my
disability of the body and see the
shape of my soul



Blessed are those who see me as
a whole person, unique and
complete, and not as a "half" and
one of God's mistakes



Blessed are those who love me
just as I am without wondering
what I might have been like



Blessed are my friends on whom I
depend, for they are the
substance and joy of my life !!!



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- We all want to “Think Outside the Chair”!!
The 2007 programme is about joining together to make that a reality, both today and into the future, building capacity, networks and links, resources, knowledge and information for the people which Cerebral Palsy Australia exists to serve