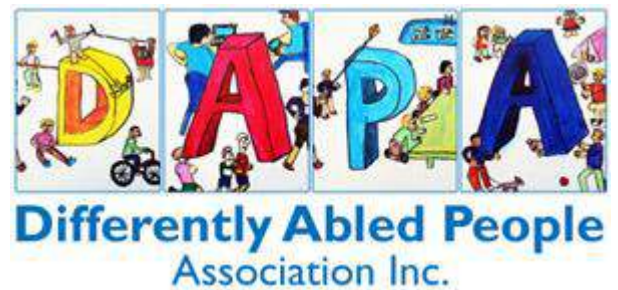


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NEWSLETTER

Friends of DAPA - March 2016

Easter show

Friends of DAPA rekindled the relationship at the Royal Easter Show. Our first year member Prashanth Ramasubramaniam met with current members. Prashanth left us in 2014 to work full time in Canberra. He commutes to Sydney on weekends to stay with his close family.



Community Work

Harmony Day at Top Ryde Shopping Centre

DAPA Musical Ensemble has been busy promoting our work this month. On the 20th March, we were at Top Ryde Shopping Centre to promote Harmony Day with Ryde Council. You can see Bowman chanting a Sanskrit song and singing (video: <https://youtu.be/qzag0nGUDrE>). It was great to see the children dance along to Bowman's performance. We have entered an edited version of this video in the *Focus of Ability* short film festival.



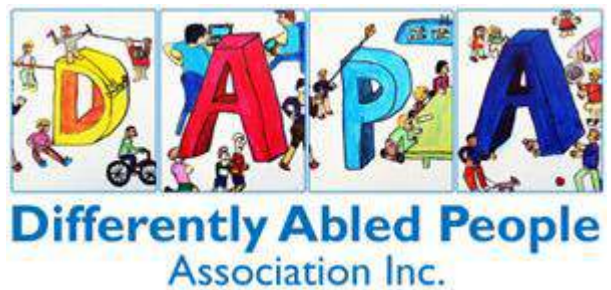
Intercommunity Expo at Eastwood Shopping Mall

On Thursday 24th, we were again at the centre of performance. At the Eastwood Shopping Plaza, at the Intercommunity Expo sponsored by Ryde council and Relationship Australia. DAPA group sang "One Thing" followed by "Arlang" in Korean and Anna played a piano piece to finish. Well done everyone! Video can be seen at: <https://youtu.be/27Yw9K6v8es>



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Recreational Programs

Attending Vishva Hindu Parishad annual youth conference, many young people learned about the 5000 year old Hinduism religion (印度教) and philosophical way of life or Vedic (生活哲學) is. As part of the day, there was a yoga session for Vincent.



Disability Training

As two of our participants are going through their disability training, we've heard that we may have an incentive payments of up to \$3000 per person to our organisation from NSW Department of Industry. Well done, Tristram and Sam.

Work Training

Not long ago, our past member Gokul Shankar (see inset, in the photo below) left us to work full time at Sunnyfield.

One of our guest panelists, during our first NDIS session, Sunnyfield General Manager Mark Clayton spoke very highly of Gokul's work. Gokul marched with us for job inclusion (see inset, picture below)



Whats Near Me™ – our new brand for ManyMindsLink:

Joseph has collected data including all Travel Agents, Shopping Centers and Florists in Australia. Well done!

Calendar of Upcoming Events for Friends of DAPA

April 2016

22	1:30pm Committee meeting at DAPA office. All welcome.
29	RSVP deadline for NDIS session #2. Cost \$40pp

May 2016

11	Friends of DAPA morning tea Social event –all welcome
15	NDIS session #2 at Homebush office –cost \$40pp

June - July 2016

Tba	Carers in the kitchen free workshops with My Kitchen Rules celebrities, Carers NSW.
Tba	Friends of DAPA Great Race Social event –all welcome

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