Russell Family Fetal Alcohol Disorders Association



NEWS UPDATE

Wow, who would have thought!

Following the airing of the **ABC 4CORNERS** Show a large number of people contacted Anne Russell's Groups. Qld Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Support Group had almost 10% increase of members in 24 hrs. and other groups who were mentioned, probably got similar responses.

The program was followed up by another report on the **NINEMSN TODAY** show the next morning which included an interview with Dr Doug Shelton about the misdiagnosis of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and why it is not associated with ADHD.

The interview was based around FASD and how other diagnosis had been used to address the problems exhibited by FASD Children that were correct but didn't go to the extent of diagnosing FASD as a cause.





3rd November 2015

What It's All About?

Our mission has <u>always</u> been to bring help to those in there place of need. As a group, helping each other. So the bigger the group the more people are able to help and the lighter the burden is on anyone individual (Many hands makes lite work). So with the exposure we have been getting in the general media, it has been possible to raise the profile of groups like ours, with a total of only 5 support groups in Australia. My hope is that the momentum could be kept going and the support groups get a focus next!



4CORNERS show 2nd November 2015

More Attention comes from 4Corners Program 'Hidden' Problem Is More Pervasive than We Thought.

"Everyone it seems, gets a say in the alcohol debate except the unborn child. Monday's Four Corners program highlighted the need for all of us to consider the lifelong impact of environmental exposures in the womb and to ensure that the developing child has the best possible start to life." said Dr Elizabeth Elliott in an interview with THE AGE - COMMENT.



Elizabeth Elliott is professor of paediatrics and child health at the University of Sydney and a consultant paediatrician at the Children's Hospitals Network (Westmead).

"Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: 'Hidden' Problem Is More Pervasive than We Thought." The Age. Ed. Elizabeth Elliott. The Age - Comment, 3 Nov. 2015. Web. 04 Nov. 2015. http://www.theage.com.au/comment/fetal-alcohol-spectrum-disorders-hidden-problem-is-more-pervasive-than-we-thought-20151103-gkpr7e.html.