

## Who Can Benefit from a Key Word Sign Workshop?



Key Word Sign Workshops are suitable for those who need to teach and use signing with people who have a severe communication impairment.

These include:

- Parents & carers
- Kindergarten and Childcare staff
- Teachers & Education Assistants
- Supported employment staff
- Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists
- Psychologists & Social Workers
- Disability Support Workers

## What's in the workshop?



The Key Word Sign workshop covers:

- How does signing support communication development?
- Which signs to teach
- How to teach signing
- Principles of key word sign & gesture
- A basic vocabulary of signs

All Presenters are nationally accredited with Key Word Sign Australia

## What is Key Word Sign - Victoria?

Key Word Sign Victoria is a not-for-profit service.

Makaton Victoria (now Key Word Sign) was formed in 1985 in response to a growing community need to coordinate support services in the area of sign & gesture for people with disabilities.

The key functions of the service are to:

- provide community-wide information on unaided communication to support people with disabilities
- provide professional expertise to support parents & professionals in the implementation of unaided communication
- develop & maintain community-based, standardised, Victorian training packages, that reflect best practice in Key Word Sign Presenter Training & Key Word Sign Introductory Workshops
- organise, assist & provide training for Presenters using packages developed to meet Victoria's needs
- provide advice to consumers on resources & activities
- provide regular update programs for trained Presenters to maintain standards.

For further information about Key Word Sign Victoria, or sign & gesture in general, please contact:

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Key Word Sign Victoria Inc  
presents:

## Key Word Sign Workshops

(formerly Makaton)



## Program 2011

**website:** [www.newcastle.edu.au/KWSA](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/KWSA)

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### Key Word Sign Workshops:

Open to anyone interested in learning key word signs

### Local Workshops:

Host your own workshop

## What is Key Word Sign?



Key Word Sign is a method of using sign and gesture in conjunction with speech. It is used with people who

have complex communication needs. Key Word Sign uses Auslan signs with speech.

## Why Use Key Word Sign?

Key Word Sign is useful for toddlers, pre-school children, school-aged children and adults. Key Word Sign may be used for a number of reasons:

- Until speech develops – the person is able to communicate through signing whilst speech and language skills continue to develop;
- As a supplement to speech – where the person's speech is difficult to understand, the use of sign and gesture can assist;
- As an alternative to speech – signing is an effective means of communication in the absence of speech;
- As a temporary means of communication;
- As a means to help comprehension.

## Local Workshops

Your organisation can host its own local workshop for up to 15 participants. You provide the venue, photocopying & refreshments. Key Word Sign Victoria will provide the Presenter to match your needs. Local workshops are \$600 for one day and \$650 for 2 half days (plus travel & accommodation if needed).

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## Key Word Sign Workshops 2011

Date	Venue
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30 am – 4.30 pm	Doutta Galla Community Health Service 12 Gower Street, Kensington Melways Ref 42 K3
Saturday 2nd April 9.30 am – 4.30 pm	Noah's Ark Toy Library 37 Fenwick St, Geelong Melways Map: 401 D6
Wednesday 4th May 9.30 am – 4.30 pm	Box Hill Library 1040 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill Melways Map: 47 E9
Sunday 5th June 9.30 am – 4.30 pm	Northcote Library, 32-38 Separation St, Northcote Melways Map 30 F8
Saturday 25th June 9.30 am – 4.30 pm	Noah's Ark Toy Library 37 Fenwick St, Geelong Melways Map: 401 D6
Sunday 7th August 9.30 am – 4.30 pm	"Glenallen" 7 Allen St, Glen Waverley Melways Map: 71 C4
Sunday 11th September 9.30 am – 4.30 pm	Alma Road Community House 200 Alma Road, St Kilda East Melways Map: 58 G9
Saturday 17th September 9.30 am – 4.30 pm	Noah's Ark Toy Library 37 Fenwick St, Geelong Melways Map: 401 D6

**Register for MELBOURNE workshops  
2 weeks prior for Early Bird Rate  
Discounted registration for couples and  
families may be available on application.**

## Registration

Name: .....

Occupation: .....

Address for correspondence:  
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e-mail .....

Telephone during office hours: .....

**Workshops registration** is \$75 (Early Bird: \$65). This includes morning & afternoon tea.

**No Early Bird for Geelong workshops.**

Please tick

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March \$75

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April \$75

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May \$75

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June \$75

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June \$75

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> August \$75

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September \$75

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> September \$75

Please include a cheque/money order payable to

**Key Word Sign Australia - Victoria Inc**

**ABN 99 785 847 215 GST exempt**

Receipts will be issued with confirmation of place.

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