

Paralympic Sport



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Could you be Australia's next paralympian?

The Paralympic Talent Search Program is a new initiative of the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC). Its main aim is to identify people with **physical disabilities and vision impairments**, who display the athletic potential to make it to Paralympic level competition.

Open only to people with disabilities which would enable them to participate in events currently on the Paralympic Games schedule. This includes but is not limited to amputees, people with cerebral palsy, limb deficiencies, people in wheelchairs, people with a vision impairment to name a few. People with minor through to more severe physical disabilities are encouraged to attend.

The age group being targeted is 12 – 20 years, though not exclusively.

If you have any doubts about eligibility for the Talent Search program, please contact AUSRAPID on 03 5762 7494 or by email at mail@ausrapid.org.au

Proposed VIC/TAS Talent Search Dates & Locations 2006:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Venue</i>
18 February	North East	Albury/Wodonga
6 May	Central/Western	Ballarat
27 May	North East	Shepparton
8 July	Tasmania	Tas (Hobart/Laun)
11 November	Western	Warrnambool
9 December	LaTrobe Valley	Moe/Morwell

For further information, contact Tim Matthews, National Development Officer (Vic/Tas) on (03) 9614 6800.

The Therapeutic Goods Act: Impact on P & O

For 2006 workshop details please turn to the back page ...

Job Watch

For the latest positions and detailed information on vacancies as they occur, visit our website: Just follow the links from the home page: www.monash.edu.au/rehabtech

The Therapeutic Goods Act: Impact on Prosthetics and Orthotics

REHABTech, in collaboration with the National Committee for Rehabilitation Engineering, has had recent discussions with the TGA regarding legislative requirements for prosthetic service facilities and devices.

A seminar is planned for **Wednesday, 15 February, 2006** which covers assistive technology in general.

(Note: **REHABTech** supporters will have the opportunity to seek clarification and information about the impact of TGA legislation on prosthetic and orthotic service provision at a seminar planned specifically for this later this year.)

The venue is the **Independent Living Centre, Melbourne**. [For details please contact ILC (03) 9362 6111 to speak with Michelle.] Co-presenters are Dr Lloyd Walker, Director, Novitatech and Bill Contoyannis, Manager/Rehabilitation Engineer, **REHABTech**.

The **REHABTech** website now contains information from the TGA. For more information, it's advisable to visit the TGA website at www.tga.gov.au

COMING EVENTS

Calendar of events – now on the web – www.monash.edu.au/rehabtech

16–21 January, 2006	Lower Limb Prosthetics Course Sydney Delivered over five and a half days, includes group practical workshops and tutorials Detailed instructional text provided. Contact: Flor Hajjar/Lorraine Jones on (02) 9382 5847
15 February, 2006	TGA Legislation: Impact on P & O For details please contact ILC (03) 9362 6111 to speak with Michelle.
20–24 February, 2006	Lower Limb Prosthetics Course Melbourne For registration information contact Kathie Vezzoso (03) 8387 2178
3–7 April, 2006	Clinical Management of Upper Limb Amputees Melbourne 2006 Contact REHABTech to register interest and/or seek further details.
8 April, 2006	AFRM Training Day Venue: Ashley Ricketson Centre at Caulfield General Medical Centre. Contact REHABTech to register interest and/or seek further details.
<u>Dates to be confirmed</u>	REHABTech Videoconference Lecture Series 2006 Register your interest in attending with REHABTech
26th April, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charcot Foot—Orthotic management of diabetic neuropathic arthropathy
26th April, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stance Control Orthoses
27th April, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Science Behind Gel Liners
27th April, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unique Upper Limb Prosthetic Cases

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- Stance Control Orthotic Knee