



**DOT (WA) Inc. MEETING AGENDA**  
**TO BE HELD at 9.00am on 3rd of November**  
**IN THE STATE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**Upstairs No 16 Rheola St West Perth**

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES**
2. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**
3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
4. **OT ASSOCIATIONS**
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
6. **THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY**
7. **REGIONAL NEWS**
8. **PRESENTATION:** Leigh Dix: Working as an OT in the refugee camps on the Thai-Burma border

**Following meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017  
**Chairperson:** Fiona Kemp  
**Presentation by:** Jane Yeates  
**Topic:** DOT(WA) Dysgraphia Guidelines  
**Distribution:**  
**See e-mail list**

**TELEHEALTH VIDEOCONFERENCE LINK-UP**

If members wish to dial in for DOT (WA) meetings they need to contact the Telehealth Coordinator, [pmhkemh.telehealth@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:pmhkemh.telehealth@health.wa.gov.au). Please CC DOT(WA) [dotwa@outlook.com](mailto:dotwa@outlook.com) so we know who will be dialling in.



**DOT (WA) Inc. MEETING MINUTES**  
**MINUTES of MEETING HELD on FRIDAY 6th of October at 9am**  
**IN THE STATE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE CONFERENCE ROOM**

### **1.1 PRESENT**

Jacqui Hunt, Dayna Bruce, Kathryn Mathwin, Vivienne Bush, Tina Branich, Shirley McInnes, Sue Beurteaux, Jill Cerie, Isabelle Pontre', Elizabeth Bolt, Helena Blackley, Jen (PMH), Sue Parker, Kate Cameron, Sally Cooms.

### **1.2 APOLOGIES**

Fiona Kemp, Caroline Green, Felicity Emery, Lisa Gangemi, Lucy Edwards, Andrea Barrett, Catherine Hathaway, Ashlyn Stewart, Jody Von Bergheim.

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes were confirmed as a true record by Jacqui Hunt.

## **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **3.1 DOT(WA) Research Project Grant**

- No applications were received this year for the DOT(WA) research project grant.

### **3.2 Enquiry from OTA WA re: therapists having trouble providing therapy in schools**

- Members reported isolated incidences of difficulties accessing children within the school environment. Generally not an issue.

**ACTION: Jacqui Hunt** to feedback to OTA WA.

### **3.3 DOT (WA) Executive Committee role**

- No one is currently filling the DOT(WA) Executive Committee Secretary role.
- A current Committee member will complete the minutes in the meantime.

**ACTION:** Anyone interested in taking up the secretary role to contact the DOT(WA) email.

## **4. OT ASSOCIATIONS**

### **4.1 WAOTA**

- WAOTA OT Week Breakfast Friday the 27th of October at the Crown.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 MARKETING**

- 2017 OT Week flyer circulated.
- DOT(WA) OT Week Sundowner 6pm Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at the Oxford Hotel.

- DOT(WA) OT Week Competition. See flyer for full details.

## 5.2 MEMBERSHIP

- DOT(WA) memberships are due for renewal for some members.
- Will be removed from mailing list this weekend if membership is not renewed before then.

## 5.3 RESEARCH

- Currently re-evaluating ways to increase interest in research.
- Historically, journal club has not been well attended.  
**ACTION** – DOT(WA) members can direct any ideas to DOT(WA) re: ideas for research.
- Kathryn expressed interest re: finding OTs interested in researching the secret code for handwriting.
  - This is all voluntary and clients participating in the research cannot be charged. Participants would get training in the secret code and PRPP which is all evidence based.
  - Other members noted barriers in terms of funding and suggested looking into funding options to make this viable and increase interest.
  - Members suggested looking into research grants for example through the Rotary Club or Good Samaritans.
  - Members suggested looking into 4th year students through university clinics completing the research however reflected on the impact this may have on reliability of the results as often at least 1 year of experience and professional registration is often required to complete research.  
**ACTIONS:** Anyone interested in finding out more information to contact [kpmacklin@westnet.com.au](mailto:kpmacklin@westnet.com.au)
- The Dysgraphia and the DCD working parties have completed their work and the dysgraphia group has been allocated to Jane Yeates who is completing the write up which is a working document re: how to identify dysgraphia and how to complete relevant documentation The DCD group is also going to be written up for publishing on the DOT(WA) website. The resources will be presented at a DOT(WA) meeting later in the year.

## 5.4 OTHER

- Member reported the Elizabeth Clinic run great parenting groups based on the Light House Program and would be suitable for referrals for clinical psychology for anxiety or parenting support regarding being present with your child. Could be suitable for upcoming Professional Development.

## 6. THE GOOD THE BAD AND THE UGLY

- Phlat ball - Available from Big W for about \$20. Can throw it like a frisby and catch it like a ball.

- Light up Ball - Available from Big W for about \$3. Bounce and it lights up.
- Squishies - Available online, price varies. Memory foam animals that start out large and squish down small.
- Magnetic shoelaces - Available online for about \$10 - \$15. Laces snap together rather than being tied. Member tried them out personally and found them easy to fasten however some practice required to get the right pressure. Noted that they occasionally unfastened when the heel is lifted for example when stepping into the car. Would be suitable for children with DCD or poor hand strength.
- Other methods of teaching children to tie their laces discussed and included:
  - o Placing the laces in the extra hole at the top of the shoe to create two loops and then tying these loops.
  - o Tying one knot, creating two loops and then tying the loops.
  - o Using two different coloured laces to increase visual discrimination or using different textures to support tactile discrimination.

## 7. REGIONAL NEWS

- Nil to report.

## 8. PRESENTATION

Presentation: Learning to handwrite: Cognitive load and student proficiency

By: Corrie Staats

<b>Next Meeting:</b>	9:00 am Friday the 3rd of November
<b>Location:</b>	Conference Room, 16 Rheola Street WEST PERTH
<b>Presentation:</b>	Working as an OT in the refugee camps on the Thai-Burma border.
<b>By:</b>	Leigh Dix

**Minutes completed by:**

Dayna Bruce

**Monthly PD Coordinator**

**Meeting Chaired by:**

Jacqui Hunt

**Deputy Chairperson**