

Bladder

Exstrophy

Epispadias

Cloacal Exstrophy

Hypospadias

Australian

Community

To register for the conference go to the BEECHAC website at www.beechac.org and click on conferences.

For information about the conference agenda, registration, accommodation and other arrangements go to our website or contact BEECHAC email info@beecehac.org phone (02) 9516 3395 or (02) 444 83050



BEECHAC Inc is bringing together people living with Bladder Exstrophy, Epispadias, Cloacal Exstrophy & Hypospadias and working with health professionals towards a more caring, holistic and life long health care approach.

BEECHAC Inc
Inaugural Conference

Towards the Future

11th, 12th & 13th
June 2010

Coogee Bay Hotel

Arden Street, Coogee, Sydney



About the conference

- The conference will start with a **welcome event** where conference participants will have the opportunity to meet each other and our special overseas guests before the more formal proceedings of the conference. A light evening meal of finger food and refreshments will be served.
- **The theme of the first day is Towards a More Holistic Approach** — that is a whole of life and broader medical approach for our members. Participants will hear from researchers, health practitioners and other professionals who work with BEECH conditions. There will be a **conference dinner** in the evening with music and entertainment.
- **The theme of the second day is Working Together** — participants will discuss ways to strengthen our networks and collaborate more effectively with professionals and support organizations.
- **The Children's Program** on Saturday and Sunday for young children with BEECH conditions and their siblings includes fun activities and meals. Children's activities are also planned for the welcome event on Friday night and the conference dinner on Saturday night.

For agenda details, go to the BEECHAC website:
<http://beechac.org>

Conference Aims

- To provide an opportunity for BEECHAC members throughout Australia to meet each other and strengthen support networks with each other, with support agencies and with health professionals throughout Australia
- To hear from guest speakers from similar associations around the world including the ABC and HEA in the USA and BEES in Britain
- To find out more about the latest procedures and operations, what is working and what isn't, from health professionals who are expert in the BEECH field
- To stimulate collaboration and progress the dialogue about important issues related to people with BEECH conditions and their families, such as policies related to transition from child to adult patient
- To encourage a whole of life, holistic approach to the treatment and care of people with BEECH conditions and their families
- To encourage research and sharing of knowledge between health professionals throughout Australia about BEECH conditions

Who should attend?

- Anyone with Bladder Extrophy (Ectopic Bladder), Epispadias, Cloacal Exstrophy or Hypospadias and their family and friends from within Australia and overseas
- BEECHAC Inc members, their families and supporters
- Medical health professionals, including paediatric and adult urologists, general practitioners and nurse specialists
- Psychiatrists, psychologists, counsellors, and social workers who may be involved in supporting people with BEECH conditions and their families
- Representatives from associations and support organisations such as Ostomy Australia, Siblings Australia, Carers Australia, Rare Diseases Associations
- Professionals involved in research related to BEECH conditions and rare diseases
- Commonwealth and state government health and disability policy representatives and policy change advocates for those affected by rare diseases
- Company representatives for the provision of equipment and maintenance products for people with BEECH conditions
- Community representatives involved in support for people with disabilities including school teachers and support staff