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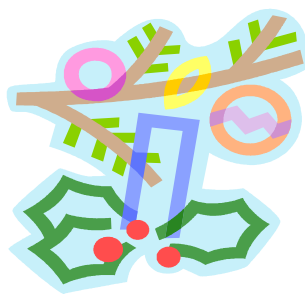
## From the President

The NSW executive is focussing on how AAIMHI can be more visible as an advocate for infants and their families. We have worked on a new position statement regarding *Responding to Infants*. Other states are now in the process of contributing their thoughts on this paper and we hope that other position statements may be developed on a range of issues. Victor Evatt has been organising various interstate committee members to plan how we can be a more active voice in the media when issues arise.

We are looking forward to the NSW joint AAIMHI and Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander conference next year. The organisation under Trish Glossop and Charlie Griffiths is proceeding very smoothly and we are very pleased to have Dr Bruce Perry as our keynote speaker.

As Christmas is fast approaching many of us have been busy and I for one am looking forward to the traditional break. On behalf of the NSW executive committee I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

*Ian Harrison*



## Season's Greetings

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*AAIMHI is proud to be associated with the*  
**Old families, new beginnings: 1st Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Conference**

4 - 6 May 2006

Homebush Bay, Sydney

*See [www.aaimh.org/conferences](http://www.aaimh.org/conferences)*

## Requests for seminar topics

The executive is planning seminars for 2006 and would like members to put forward suggestions. These may be for topics or speakers.

The AAIMHI-NSW Evening Seminars provide members with the opportunity to enhance professional development and meet other members. Please let the executive know what would interest you most.

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## AAIMHI NSW Evening Seminars

*Proudly presents*

### Childhood through the ages

**The constant evolution of child-rearing, and its implications for today's parents and child-health professionals**

#### **Robin Grille**

Psychologist and author of 'Parenting for a Peaceful World'

DATE: Tuesday 28 February, 2006  
TIME: 7 - 9 PM  
VENUE: Education Centre  
St John of God Hospital  
Grantham St Burwood  
COST: \$10 members, \$20 non-members, payable at door  
*Light supper provided*

Robin will be taking you for a tour of a rarely talked about topic: how children were raised throughout history, and how profoundly childrearing has changed over the centuries – until today. What has this meant for societies? Remarkable discoveries made by psychohistorians in recent years have overturned most basic assumptions about historical childhood, and thus brought new light to many unanswered questions about human nature, human relations and culture.

When viewed against this historical context, contemporary developmental theory and child health practice can be both re-invigorated and held up to new examination: our current 'best practice' is merely a point in an evolutionary continuum.

Psychohistorians have demonstrated that childrearing customs are the major driving force behind how societies function, and that child health policies and practices can transform societies in areas of health, human rights, justice and sustainability. A look at the implications for modern parents and child health professionals can be awe-inspiring, but also uplifting, empowering and exciting.

Topics to be covered:

1. How childhood evolved through the ages
2. How childrearing customs have affected national and international affairs
3. How the most recent innovations in childrearing have driven the evolution of democracy and human rights
4. The larger social and cultural impact we have as health practitioners and policy makers, as we disseminate the fruits of modern developmental theory (eg attachment, brain development, etc)

#### *About the speaker*

Robin is a psychologist with a private practice in Sydney's northern beaches, working with adults, adolescents, couples and families. Robin has written for many magazines and journals in Australia and overseas on parenting and child development. The topics in this seminar are drawn from his book: 'Parenting for a Peaceful World' (Longueville Media 2005).