

## Melbourne July 2006

The first family meeting in Australia was held at the beginning of July in Melbourne. It was an informal gathering over afternoon tea of both parents and adult patients with a short presentation on IDFA followed by general discussion and sharing of experiences. This was an exciting start to the foundation's role in supporting families across Australia. The next meeting will be in NSW at the national conference in Manly with a further meeting booked for Brisbane at the end of October.

We hope that as we make more contacts in each state we can slowly start to build a great network of people across the country that can actively provide support and encouragement to each other.



## Genetics Awareness Week

The first week in July saw the first Genetics awareness week for Victoria organised by the Genetic support network of Victoria ( [www.gsnv.org.au](http://www.gsnv.org.au)). IDFA was offered space at an information fair held in down town Melbourne where along side 19 other organisations, we offered the general public the opportunity to find out about some of the huge variety of genetically caused conditions that can affect people of all ages. This was a great opportunity to meet other organisations representatives as well as develop a presence for IDFA within Victoria.

