



## MND Tasmania News September - October 2012

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### Regional Advisor

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### Support

Website: Shane Chugg

### Membership

MND Tasmania is a member of MND Australia with Tim Hynes serving on the MNDA Board. The MND Research Institute of Australia is part of MND Australia. MND Tasmania is a member of the Neuromuscular Alliance of Tasmania (NMAT).

### Support service

The MND Associations of Victoria and Tasmania work together to provide:

- Information and member support by telephone on 1800 806 632, Monday-Friday, 9 am - 5 pm.
- Referral to Tasmanian health & support services.
- Information, support and training for service providers for people with MND in Tasmania.
- Free membership of MND Victoria and MND Tasmania for people living with MND.
- Victorian Newsletter with Tasmanian News insert for members living in Tasmania.

Please note that the Regional Advisor provides needs-based support and refers members to appropriate support services as required.

### Freecall 1800 806 632

This number is at the MND Victoria office. To assist the volunteer receptionist, please say that you are from Tasmania. If you wish to speak to a Committee member or to Jennene Arnel, you will be asked for your contact details. Your call will be returned by that person as soon as possible.

### New members

We welcome new members M. and S. Davis, A. Knibbs and W. Fitzpatrick

### Vale

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of R. Hughes.

### Donations

Donations have been gratefully received in memory of R. Hughes. We have also received donations from RBF employees and more from MND Week collectors including C. Clayton and J. Hughes.

### Northern Support Group

The contact person for this group is Mary Erickson who may be contacted on 1800 806 632 (message). Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month at 11am – 1pm at the **Ravenswood Community Health Centre, 39 – 41 Lambert Street, Ravenswood** (Launceston). The following dates have been booked: October 29 and November 26 Christmas Party.

Due to the redevelopment of the JL Grove Centre, we have **changed our venue to the Community Health Centre at Ravenswood**. It has a very large light and warm room with plenty of space for wheelchairs, a good kitchen, disabled toilets and easy parking.

I also think this is a great place to hold our Christmas Party on 26 November.

*Mary Erickson*

*Northern Support Group Coordinator*

### Fundraising

#### MND Entertainment Book

To order your latest version of the Entertainment Book go to: [www.mndatas.asn.au](http://www.mndatas.asn.au)

*Mary Erickson*

*Fundraising coordinator*

## Christmas Party

The Northern Support Group would like to invite you, your family and friends to our **Annual Christmas Party** to be held at the **Ravenswood Community Health Centre, 39 – 41 Lambert Street, Ravenswood** (Launceston) on **Monday November 26 2012** from **11 am to 2 pm**.

Coffee, tea, juice and cordial will be supplied. Please bring a small plate of food to share.

There will be a Raffle and Trade Table. Please bring a small gift to share marked M (male), F (female) or C (child).

BEST OF ALL, **SANTA** will also be coming with his gifts!!

We would love to see you there. If you have any questions, please phone Mary on 6339 3742 (leave message).

*Mary Erickson*

*Northern Support Group Coordinator*

## Winifred D. Booth Charitable Trust

In the July-August 2012 MND Tasmania News, Jennene Arnel informed us of the generous financial support we have received from the Winifred D. Booth Charitable Trust in order to fund a two year project to enhance the quality of life for Tasmanians living with MND.

This prompted the News Editor to Google Search Winifred D. Booth and found the following information at [www.utas.edu.au/library/companion\\_to\\_tasmanian\\_history/P/Philanthropy.htm](http://www.utas.edu.au/library/companion_to_tasmanian_history/P/Philanthropy.htm) - "Mrs Winifred Booth, wife of Launceston surgeon RP Booth and daughter of a leader of the London Stock Exchange, built up a large investment portfolio, and in her will gave generous donations..."

## Events

**Tasmanian MND Forum** – Launceston, Wednesday October 24, 2012.

**MNDTas Annual Christmas Party** – Launceston, November 26, 2012

## Regional Advisor's Report

At the time of writing this Newsletter, we are finalizing the program for the MND Day to be held in Launceston on 24 October 2012. We are very pleased to be able to offer this MND Information Day for health professionals once again, this time with the support of The Winifred D Booth Charitable Trust which is based in Launceston.

This year, the MND Day is particularly exciting because we are having 'all Tasmanian' presentations. This is

indicative of the knowledge, skills and expertise of health professionals working with people living with MND in Tasmania. Health professionals from across the State are very dedicated and keen to provide the best possible services to our members and the MND Day will provide a wonderful opportunity to showcase and share their work and expertise.

While the day is designed for health professionals, people living with MND and their families and friends are welcome to attend. For catering purposes it is essential to register prior to attending.

We will be circulating information about the day across Tasmania, but if you are in contact with health professionals, please draw their attention to the day. It is important for health professionals to be kept up to date about MND care and management issues. Our aim is to have well informed and well supported health professionals who, in turn, enhance and support quality of life for people living with motor neurone disease.

Details of the MND Day are as follows:

**MND Day: 'Getting it Right – Supporting people living with MND'**  
**The Tramsheds, 4 Invermay Road, Launceston**  
**Wednesday 24 October 2012**  
**9.00 am – 3.30 pm**  
**Registration cost: \$66 (including GST)**  
**Enquiries: [info@mnd.asn.au](mailto:info@mnd.asn.au)**  
**Supported by an educational grant from The Winifred D Booth Charitable Trust**

My next visit to Tasmania will be the week of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012.

*Jennene Arnel*

*MND Regional Advisor*

## Information

**New Independent Living Centre (ILC) website**

The ILC's of Australia have created a new website which was launched in June 2012.

It provides guidance and advice on choosing and using assistive technology products.

The information on equipment, suppliers, products, repairs and spare parts, buying and hiring, new technology, funding support and home modifications will assist people to better discuss their needs with health professionals.

The website can be found at [www.ilcaustralia.org.au](http://www.ilcaustralia.org.au), or contact ILC Australia or Tasmania on 1300 885 886.