



**MND Tasmania News  
September - October 2013**

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**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.
- The Regional Advisor who provides needs-based support and assessment, home visits 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 Leanne Conway, you will be asked for your contact details. Your call will be returned by that person as soon as possible.

**New members**

We welcome our new members E. Brownlie (N) and D. Ranson (N).

**Vale**

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of K. Atherton, L. Hills and J. Mirpuri.

**Leanne Conway  
Regional Advisor**

In 2007, a new initiative changed the quality of care for people with MND in Tasmania and their families. Following the adoption of a cooperative partnership between MND Tasmania and MND Victoria, Jennene Arnel was appointed to the inaugural position of MND Regional Advisor for Tasmania.

Following Jennene's plan to retire from this role, the Boards of MND Victoria and MND Tasmania are pleased to announce that Leanne Conway has been appointed as the Regional Advisor for Tasmania.

Leanne has been working with MND Victoria for three years as the Coordinator Volunteer Programs. As the Regional Advisor (RA) for Tasmania position is the equivalent of one and a half days per week, she will continue in her current role with MND Victoria on a part-time basis.

Leanne is also studying for a [Bachelor of Social Work degree]. She has spent two weeks in September with Jennene, visiting people living with MND, and relevant service providers through out Tasmania. At this stage, Leanne will be working as our RA for six months. We are working with MND Victoria to review and evaluate the actions and results of the RA position of the past five years and are planning how best to address the needs of our members into the future.

Joyce Schuringa  
President



## Regional Advisor's Report

Hello. My name is Leanne Conway and I am the new Regional Advisor for Tasmania. I am based in Melbourne, and will visit Tasmania every 2 - 3 months.

In September, I accompanied Jennene on her last visit to Tasmania and met many of our members, community allied health workers and the Committee of Management. I look forward to working with you all in the future.

In October, we are having a Health Professional day in Hobart, please see below for the details of this event.

My next visit to members will be in November.

If you would like to contact me, my telephone number is 1800 806 632 and email is [lconway@mnd.asn.au](mailto:lconway@mnd.asn.au).

Leanne Conway  
MND Tasmania Regional Advisor

### **MND Seminar: 'Partnerships – Supporting People Living with MND'**

Menzies Research Institute Tasmania,  
17 Liverpool Street, Hobart

Wednesday 30 October 2013  
9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Registration cost: \$66 (including GST)  
**Please register online by midday 17 October 2013**  
<http://www.trybooking.com/DJBV>

Enquiries: [info@mnd.asn.au](mailto:info@mnd.asn.au)

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### **Winifred D. Booth Charitable Trust**

In 2012, MND Victoria received a grant 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 grant has enabled two MND Seminars to be held – one in Launceston on 24 October 2012 and the one in Hobart on 30 October 2013.

The News Editor 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.

## Donations

Donations have been gratefully received in memory of J. King and from the Bruny Island CWA, the Bushy Park Rebekah Lodge, M. Eldridge, K. Murray, J. Page, T. Upchurch and K. Hamilton.

## Fundraising

### **Jewellery Repairs**

Margaret Eldridge has raised thousands of dollars for research into MND since losing a friend to MND six years ago.

She is currently repairing jewellery and donating the proceeds to MND research. If you wish to know how she can assist you with any repairs to jewellery, such as re-threading beads (not knotted pearls) and replacing broken clasps, she can be contacted by email at [margel1@bigpond.com](mailto:margel1@bigpond.com) or telephone 6225 1801.

Margaret also hosts morning teas for her Aqua Group friends who donate funds in exchange for an individual copy of her jingle! Below is a short excerpt from 16 verse Aqua Ausmas 2013 ditty which raised \$104!

Ausmas has come around again  
That strange Australian reason  
Which Aussies use as good excuse  
To celebrate the season.

Peace and joy can still abound  
In fact we need them sorely  
There's trouble all around the world  
Enough to make you poorly.

We are the folk who splash about  
And frolic in the water  
We choose this kind of exercise  
Because we feel we oughta!

Frog-jumps by the dozen  
With dumb-bells at the ready  
We may not be the quickest  
But at least we're sure and steady.

And you are benefactors all  
To MND research  
We want to beat this dread disease  
And knock it off its perch.

### **Queechy High School fundraiser**

Taylor Ward and the Student Leadership Board of Queechy High School are holding a fundraising event on Friday 1 November. We wish them every success.

Mary Erickson  
Fundraising Coordinator

## 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:

**Ravenswood Community Health Centre**  
**39 – 41 Lambert Street, Ravenswood**  
(Launceston).

**Dates for 2013:** 28 October and 25 November.

## Christmas Party Invitation

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 centre on

**Monday 25 November at 11 am – 2 pm**

Look for the MND car. Drinks will be supplied and please bring a small plate of food to share. Also please bring a small gift to share marked M (male), F (female) or C (child). Best of all, SANTA will be coming along with his supply of presents!!

Mary Erickson  
Northern Support Group Coordinator

## Events

<b>Tasmanian MND Forum</b>	Menzies Research Institute, Liverpool Street, Hobart Wednesday 30 October 9am – 3.45pm
<b>MND Tasmania Annual Christmas Party</b>	Ravenswood Community Health Centre, Lambert Street, Ravenswood Monday, 25 November 11am – 2pm
<b>MND Week in 2014</b>	This special week is planned for 4 May – 10 May with the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 10 May 2014