



MND Tasmania News

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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.

Support service

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

- Information and support by telephone on 1800 806 632, Monday-Friday, 9 am -5 pm.
- Referral to Tasmanian support services.
- Information kits.

- Free membership of MND Victoria and MND Tasmania for people living with MND.
- Victorian Newsletter with Tasmanian News insert for members living in Tasmania.
- Telelink meetings for people with MND, carers and past carers.

Annual General Meeting

MND Tasmania

2pm, Sunday 6 March

Hobart Day Centre, Repatriation Centre
90 Davey Street, Hobart

Vale

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of W.Gurr and D.Walker

New Members

We welcome new members J.& J. Cumes (N. Tas.).

Donations

Donations have been gratefully received from many members with their annual membership renewal, from M.Eldridge's Aquaerobics Group and from the Catholic Development Fund. Donations have also been received in memory of W.Gurr and D.Walker.

Renewal of membership

If you have not yet renewed your membership would you please complete and return the **renewal of membership form** that was enclosed with the previous newsletter or send us an email so that you will continue to receive this newsletter and enable us to update our records.

HELP Needed

A volunteer is urgently needed to maintain and regularly update the MNDTasmania website. This person would need to have an interest in IT with a moderate level of competency to ensure that the content of the website is kept up to date and is displayed correctly.

The person would receive training, supervision and mentoring from the MNDTasmania Board.

We estimate that the time required would be on average up to four hours per month.

If you would be able to assist in this role, or if you know someone who may be suitable, would you please contact Jennene Arnel on 1800 806 632 or email Tim Hynes at info@mndatas.asn.au

MND Week 1 – 7 May 2011

Why MND Week?

MND Week is celebrated nationally in the first full week of May each year. MND Associations work together during this week to raise awareness of MND to realise our vision of a *world free from MND*. It is also a time to acknowledge the MND community and people living with MND today, and to remember those who have passed away.

The MND Association of Tasmania depends on volunteers. The Committee is grateful to those people who attend Support Group meetings, support MND Awareness Weeks, organise fundraising activities and send in donations.

As with all community support endeavors, MND Tasmania is always seeking volunteers and fundraisers to enable the valuable work of support for people with MND to continue. Please give some thought as to what you may be able to do to assist with fundraising activities. Will you shake a tin, organise a morning tea or an event, wear a blue cornflower?

If you would like to assist with the MND Awareness Week in the first week of May 2011, please contact us via our email address info@mndatas.asn.au or leave a telephone message at 1800 806 632 for Anna Macpherson to return your call.

Anna Macpherson,
Fundraising coordinator

Fundraising

We would like to acknowledge the kind gesture of NW Tasmania artist Mr Victor Maloney in donating a piece of his art to the cause of MND.

Entitled *ART PILOTS*, it was inspired by his time of study under famous Australian artist Pro Hart who lived in Broken Hill and who died of MND. The painting was a finalist in the 2007 Bald Archy Prize and it depicts Pro Hart with Gough Whitlam.

MNDTasmania conducted a Spring raffle which offered this painting as the first prize.

The raffle was drawn at a MND Christmas Party held on 29 November 2010 in Launceston.

MND Christmas Party

On Monday 29 November, the MND Support Group hosted its annual Christmas party at the home of Lady Sallie Ferrall. There were 25-30 people in attendance and everyone enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea and a visit from Santa!

“What a lovely day”, I said to Lady Sallie as we started setting up tables, chairs, coffee, tea, and all the other goodies. The last couple of years we have held the party indoors but this year we were outside in the lovely garden with the sun shining in amongst the shade of the beautiful trees and roses. People started arriving and before I knew it everyone was chit-chatting away catching up on news and socialising with old friends.



Ashleigh and Christen were selling raffle tickets up until the draw. As it came closer to 12.30pm, Santa arrived bearing gifts for all.



We were very fortunate to have Vic Maloney attend on the day to draw the raffle at 1.15pm.



The lucky winners of the 2010 MND raffle were:

1st Prize – H. Bell

(Painting entitled ART PILOTS by North West Tasmania artist Mr Victor Maloney)

2nd Prize – E. and T. Hansson

(Two nights accommodation at Country Club, Launceston, including breakfast and dining voucher)

3rd Prize – W. Hyland

(JBS socket set and a nail gun set)

After announcing the winners Vic shared his stories about his dear friend Pro Hart and his adventures, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

A special thank you to Vic and his wife, who drove from Devonport to meet everyone and to draw the raffle.

I also like to thank Lady Sallie Ferrall, Guy and Kate Barnett, Linda Jetstrimski, Christen and Ashleigh for helping on the day.

And a big thank you to all who attended on the day, particularly those who travelled from afar (like Kerry and Sharon Upchurch).

Mary Erickson

Northern Support Group Coordinator

A special thank you to Mary Erickson for all her time and effort in organising the Christmas party and assisting with the MND raffle. Mary also drove from Launceston to Hobart to personally deliver the prizes to the winners, who were delighted to receive their prizes just before Christmas!

Anna Macpherson,
Fundraising coordinator

Regional Advisor's Report

By the time you receive this Newsletter we will be well into the New Year. However, at the time of writing, the year is just beginning and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year and I look forward to seeing many of you in the following months.

In November I visited members in the North, North East and North West of Tasmania. In January, I will be in the South and will be visiting in the North again in February/March.

Please remember that I can be contacted at any time through MND Victoria office (Freecall 1800 806 632). Just leave a message for me and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Jennene Arnel,
MND Regional Advisor

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 Board member or Jennene Arnel, please say so and you will be asked for your contact details. Your call will be returned by that person as soon as possible.

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 John L.Grove Centre, Howick Street, Launceston.

The following dates have been booked:

February 28, March 28, May 30,
June 27, July 25, August 29,
September 26, October 31, November 28
(Note: no April meeting).

Southern afternoon tea

Contact Jennene Arnel on 1800 806 632.

North-west Group

Contact Jennene Arnel on 1800 806 632.

