

# MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

## Epilepsy Tasmania to Launch New Endowment Fund

*A Bequest is the one donation that lasts forever.*

**Epilepsy Tasmania will further improve the quality of life and community participation of Tasmanians living with or affected by epilepsy through the launch of its Endowment Fund.**

Not-for-profit association Epilepsy Tasmania is reliant upon financial donations to provide its services. Some donations come from estate bequests and to ensure these in particular are put to the best long-term use the Board has established an endowment fund.

“Our new Endowment Fund will preserve the money we are bequeathed and future-proof our ability to help Tasmanians who live with or are affected by epilepsy,” said Epilepsy Tasmania’s Chairman Mr Ian Sauer.

**“We believe the most efficient use of estate bequests is to preserve the capital amount and use the interest earned to provide additional Tasmanian services.**

**“The extra services we will be able to offer could include children’s holiday camps, respite, transportation, guest speakers, functions and additional specialist support.”**

“The philanthropic donations we are bequeathed will live on, continuing to make a difference by improving the quality of life and community participation of Tasmanians living with or affected by epilepsy,” said Mr Sauer.

An initial amount of \$230,000 has been invested and will remain untouched for two years to accrue enough interest to fund additional and ongoing epilepsy support services.

People wishing to find out more information on bequeathing their estate to the Epilepsy Tasmania Endowment Fund can call the Launceston head office on 1300 852 853.

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### Invitation

You are invited to enjoy afternoon tea with the **Minister for Health, Mr Michael Ferguson** as he officially launches the Epilepsy Tasmania Endowment Fund.

What: Endowment Fund Official Launch and Afternoon Tea  
When: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm  
Where: Parliament House, in the Long Room

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to allow adequate time to proceed through Parliament House security.

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**SPOKESPEOPLE:**

- Minister for Health, Mr Michael Ferguson
- Epilepsy Tasmania Chairman of the Board, Mr Ian Sauer

**ABOUT EPILEPSY TASMANIA:**

We are a not-for-profit association improving the quality of life and community participation of Tasmanians living with or affected by epilepsy.

**OUR VALUES:**

**Access** - We work to ensure all Tasmanians living with or affected by epilepsy have access to the resources they need in order to experience the highest possible quality of life.

**Inclusion** - We strive to ensure all Tasmanians living with or affected by epilepsy are included in the community and in our organisation.

**Innovation** - We pride ourselves on being innovative in the way we tailor our services to the needs of our individual clients so they experience personalised care that meets their specific needs.

**Honesty** - We endeavour to be an honest, trustworthy organisation that delivers on its promises, operates transparently, and is sincere in its attempts to assist Tasmanians living with or affected by epilepsy.