

International Women's Day meets International Epilepsy Awareness Month!

International Women's Day today coincides with the **Government House Open Gardens for Epilepsy** fundraising event, where Tasmanians will gather to enjoy morning tea and tour of its magnificent gardens while appreciating the many and varied roles of women in our state:

- Tasmania's first female Governor - Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC.
- Ainstie Wagner - first female Executive Chef at Government House.
- Rachael Calvert - new Sous Chef at Government House.
- Cath Saunders - Her Excellency's Aide-de-Camp at Government House.
- Judith Lyne - respected Campbell Town leader and female board member of Epilepsy Tasmania (it has 3 other women on its board).
- Wendy Groot - first female CEO of Epilepsy Tasmania.

These women and more will be available for a group photo on Wednesday 8th March in the gardens of Government House between 11.15 - 11.45am. Garden tours will depart at 10am sharp.

You are invited to view the magnificent gardens of Tasmania's Government House as part of Epilepsy Tasmania's inaugural Open Gardens for Epilepsy fundraising event.

Guided group tours commence at 10.00am sharp, followed by morning tea with Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC, Governor of Tasmania from 11.15 to 11.45am.

All proceeds will be donated to Epilepsy Tasmania, a not-for-profit association improving the quality of life and community participation of Tasmanians living with or affected by epilepsy.

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ABOUT EPILEPSY:

- Epilepsy is a common brain disorder that takes the form of recurring seizures.
- It can develop at any age regardless of ethnicity or gender.
- One in 10 people will experience a seizure during their life.
- One in 25 Australians (20,000 Tasmanians) will develop epilepsy during their life.

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Twitter: @epilepsytas
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Hashtags: #epilepsytasmania #donatetothelavender

SPOKESPEOPLE:

- Epilepsy Tasmania chief executive officer - Ms Wendy Groot.

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.

ABOUT DONATE TO THE LAVENDER:

Epilepsy Tasmania is a Tasmanian not-for-profit association significantly reliant upon donations and grants, and understood to be the only one providing on-the-ground services and support in Tasmania for Tasmanians who live with or are affected by epilepsy.

During our major annual fundraiser this March - International Epilepsy Awareness Month - we are noticing an increasing number of interstate charities collecting donations within Tasmania yet not providing actual services or support here.

To prevent misunderstanding and stop much-needed donations from being taken out of our state, Epilepsy Tasmania has introduced its **Donate to the Lavender** logo: when you see this logo or the name **Epilepsy Tasmania**, rest assured your donation will stay in Tasmania and be used to help Tasmanians.

