



Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Week 3 – 9 May 2009

Show you CARE during MND Week

What is Motor Neurone Disease?

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is a devastating neurological illness affecting around 1300 people across Australia. It is estimated that there are many more thousands of families, carers and friends who are involved in the day to day care of people with this rapidly progressive disease impacting on their lives emotionally, physically and socially.

Tragically MND usually results in death within 2 – 3 years, though some may live for many years like Professor Stephen Hawking. MND can strike at any age it is most common in people in their 50s and 60s.

What is MND Week?

During MND Week 3-9 May 2009, MND Associations continue to highlight to governments and the community the care and support that people living with MND and their families need during and following a diagnosis of MND. Various fundraising and awareness raising events are held during the week which culminates in **Blue Cornflower Day** on Friday 8 May, to raise support for care and vital research to find the causes, effective treatments and hopefully a cure for this cruel disease.

How to get involved?

To show you CARE, during MND Week you can make a donation, volunteer or buy a blue cornflower – a symbol of hope – through MND Associations or on-line at: www.mndaust.asn.au/mnd-week/ or phone 1800 777 175.

And/or if you live in Melbourne or Perth:

Support MND Research and give blood. Donor Drives where you can donate DNA samples to the bank are being held on 6 May in Melbourne at Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre in Preston and, 8 May in Perth at The Niche in Nedlands. See www.mndaust.asn.au for more information.

What: *Motor Neuron Disease Week, Australia*, raising awareness and funds for MND

When: 3 – 9 May 2009

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