



Canberra's Global Day Walk to D'Feet Motor Neurone Disease

Hundreds of carers, supporters and people living with Motor Neurone Disease (MND), will gather on **Sunday 19 June 2011** for the capital's third *Walk to D'Feet MND*, alongside Lake-Burley-Griffin.

The Walk is held to mark Global MND Day in Australia and raise much needed funds to support research into the cause, treatment and cure of the devastating disease.

The 5.5 km wheelchair and pram-friendly walk will commence at 10am at the National Exhibition Centre, Commonwealth Park and continue along the R G Menzies Walk to the Carillion and return through the beautiful gardens. Participants may like to run the route once or even twice.

"The *Walk to D'Feet MND* is an important initiative that helps to support vital research into this cruel disease," said Executive Director of MND Australia, Carol Birks.

"Last year more than 300 people participated in the walk, raising in excess of \$22,000 towards MND research.

"We are thrilled by the community's support and would certainly like to build on the event's success once again this year," Ms Birks said.

What:	Walk to D'Feet Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Organised jointly by MND Australia and MND NSW
When:	10am, Sunday 19 June 2011
Where:	Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra Commencing at the National Exhibition Centre [access via Barrine Drive]
Why:	To raise awareness of MND and much-needed funds for research
To register:	Visit www.mndnsw.asn.au or www.mndaust.asn.au Entry is \$25 for adults and \$8 for children. All proceeds go to MND Research – click here for online registration
Interview and Pictorial Opportunities	
•	Pictures of walkers at the National Exhibition Centre at 10:00am.
•	Ms Carol Birks, National Executive Director, MND Australia and Graham Opie CEO MND NSW will be available for interviews from 9:30am at the event.

About Motor Neurone Disease:

MND is a rapidly progressive, terminal neurological disease for which there is no known cure or effective treatment. MND robs the body of its limb function and takes away a person's ability to speak, swallow and to breathe, whilst their mind and senses usually remain intact. On average each week in Australia, 10 people die from MND and another 10 are diagnosed.

About MND NSW and MND Australia

MND NSW provides access to support, information, coordinated care, respite and equipment to assist people with MND in NSW and ACT to live better for longer. MND Australia allocates MND research grants to scientists and clinicians throughout Australia.

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