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Guy Barnett, Liberal Member for Lyons

Motor Neurone Disease Global Day – 21 June 2014

This Saturday 21 June (tomorrow) is Motor Neurone Disease Global Day. As an Ambassador for Motor Neurone Disease Australia, I feel that it is important to raise awareness of this horrible disease and its impact in the community.

Motor neurone disease claims the lives of almost 800 Australians each year, which is more than two Australians every day.

There are more than 20 Tasmanians living with MND and an estimated 1900 in Australia currently. MND progresses at different rates but most people with the disease die within 2 to 3 years from diagnosis.

For each person diagnosed with the disease an estimated 14 members of their family and friends will live with the impact forever. MND touches the lives of so many people.

I urge people wishing to assist in fighting this debilitating disease to contact Motor Neurone Disease Australia on 1800 806 632.

This year we hope to raise over $1,000,000 from throughout Australia.

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