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Help improve the quality of life of those whose lives are touched by epilepsy...

What's On

October

- 10th Trivia Challenge State Finals**
- 18th Understanding Epilepsy Workshop at Dalby**
- 21st Understanding Epilepsy Workshop**
- 21st Epilepsy and Society day open to the community**



Welcome to the latest E-News. As we hurtle towards Christmas (where did the year go??), we have some exciting events for you. Check out the details regarding our Inaugural Epilepsy Symposium in conjunction with Griffith University. Never before have we had a line-up like this – don't miss it!



Helen Whitehead
Epilepsy Queensland CEO

Epilepsy Symposium

Renowned international speakers Andres Kanner (from USA) and Graham Scambler (from UK) will join Mal Hopwood (from Victoria) and Harry McConnell (Queenslander!) to address some fascinating topics about the psychosocial impact of epilepsy...

Why do so many people with epilepsy experience depression? Perhaps it's the other way around – are people who are depressed more inclined to develop epilepsy? What about anxiety and other aspects of mental health – are they more common in people with epilepsy? What role do the different parts of the brain and different seizures play in behaviour and mental health? Does epilepsy really attract stigma? How can we change that?

[For symposium program and registration form, click here....](#)

Annual Awards Ceremony

21st Asian and Oceanic
- Epilepsy
24th Congress (Melbourne)

27th Inaugural epilepsy
symposium - Heads
Up!
Annual Awards
Ceremony
AGM

2nd Melbourne Cup
Nov luncheon
(Diana Plaza Hotel)

Trivia Challenge

10 October



Trivia Challenge is an exciting and educational event conducted throughout Australia each year. It is designed to develop an understanding of epilepsy and enhance general knowledge by using a specially developed trivia quiz based on the school curriculum.



The symposium will be followed by the Annual Awards Ceremony. Prepare to be inspired and uplifted as you hear wonderful stories about amazing people! You may even have someone in mind who deserves an award....

A young person who lives with epilepsy and is a role model to others.... An employer who has given someone with epilepsy in their life a "fair go".... a special volunteer....

[Read more about award categories and how to nominate](#)

Annual General Meeting

A brief but important event – get involved in your Association

[Read more...](#)

Melbourne Cup

Participate in this great Aussie tradition and support Epilepsy Queensland! To find out more about our cup function at the Diana Plaza Hotel. [Read more...](#)

E-teens



A group of teenagers with epilepsy recently got together to hear Travis Smith speak about his marathon skateboarding trip from Brisbane to the border to raise awareness about epilepsy. Lunch and a game of bowls followed.

If you would like to register for future events, please email services@epilepsyqueensland.com.au

Understanding Epilepsy Workshops

Our trainers are visiting more regional locations, this time Dalby on 18 October and then Maryborough and Bundaberg between Monday 15 November and Wednesday 17 November.

[For flyer and registration forms click here.](#)

Invitations are extended to disability support workers, child care workers, teachers, nurses, allied health workers, people with epilepsy and their families.

Memorial Service



Sadly across Australia around 300 people die from epilepsy related causes each year. Epilepsy Queensland held an Inaugural Memorial Service on 4 September. Families joined us, along with representatives from the medical profession and Epilepsy Grief, to remember the lives of those lost in a moving ceremony.

Petition for Epilepsy Nurses

Epilepsy Grief, a new Queensland Support Group for people bereaved by epilepsy, has been working with Margaret Keech MP, to develop a petition calling for more epilepsy nurses throughout the state.

[If you would like to support the petition, click here.](#)

Top of Mind Seminar

An Epilepsy Action seminar for parents of a child or teenager with epilepsy is being held on 7 November.

[Read more...](#)

Trivia Challenge

Trivia Challenge is an exciting and educational event conducted throughout state based Australian Epilepsy Associations. It's designed for primary school students to develop an understanding of epilepsy and enhance general knowledge. This year we're trying electronic response formats.... The worm has turned to Trivia!! 612 ABC Radio personality Kelly Higgins-Devine will be our quizmaster at the state finals on 10 October.

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