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### **“Will you share a Cuppa with me?”**

West Australians are being asked to Share a Cuppa during August to help raise much needed funds for The Motor Neurone Disease Association of WA.

Executive Office Andrew Hirst says “for most, enjoying a cuppa is one of life’s simple pleasures but for people living with Motor Neurone Disease it is an impossibility. Motor Neurone Disease affects the part of the brain which controls movement, speech and breathing and over time people lose the ability to do the simplest of tasks and many will need help to breathe.”

Mr Hirst continues “at the Motor Neurone Disease Association of WA we support local people when they need it the most. Funds raised from Cuppa Tea For MND will fund emotional and practical support, education programs and research into finding a cure of this cruel disease.”

Every day in Australia 2 people are diagnosed and 2 people die from Motor Neurone Disease, a disease with no cure and no effective treatment.

The official date for Cuppa Tea For MND

Register to host a Cuppa Tea For MND by emailing [cuppatea@mndawa.asn.au](mailto:cuppatea@mndawa.asn.au) or call MNDAWA on 6457 7355.

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**For more information please call Sarah Wiley, Fundraising and Events Manager on 6457 7355.**

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is a progressive neurological condition that attacks the motor neurones (nerves). It is the name given to a group of diseases in which the nerve cells (neurones) controlling the muscles that enable us to move, speak, swallow and breathe undergo degeneration and die. The cause of MND is unknown and not all symptoms of the disease necessarily happen to everyone with the patterns of weakness varying from person to person. MND is diagnosed in people of all ages, men and women. Currently there is no cure, however symptoms can be managed to help the person achieve the best possible quality of life. The Motor Neurone Disease Association of WA is the specialist organisation in Western Australia for people living with MND, their carers and families providing vital care and support services.