



Dear Friend

The 5th International Brain Tumour Awareness Week (30 October - 5 November) will soon be with us and groups around the world will be undertaking activities to try and raise awareness about the challenges of brain tumours. It is not too late for you to organise something in your area, or to participate in some of the initiatives.

We would like to draw your attention to several of these activities, including two in particular that will benefit BTAA in its important work of education, support and advocacy for brain tumour patients and their families.

(1) **"Wear a Hat for a Day for BTAA"**. This is an initiative of MaryAnne Rosier from the BTAA Committee. See the enclosed poster and Guideline. Perhaps you can promote this idea in your local area, school or workplace? All proceeds go to BTAA.

(2) On-line auction as part of the **Brainwave dinner** in Canberra on Thursday 3 November. Proceeds will go to Cure for Life for brain tumour research and to BTAA for support and awareness-raising work in the brain tumour community. "Raising capital in the Capital". National Press Club, Canberra. Visit www.allbids.com.au or contact RLHindson@live.com.au for tickets.

There are several other brain tumour-relevant functions being held in the next few weeks:

Brainstorming for Brain Cancer Cures - 20 October 2011. A regional Networking & Charity Auction night, bringing together the best minds of the **Central Coast, NSW**. Mingara Recreation Club. For further details contact Rowena Hamilton Tel 02 43909267 and Fax 02 043907710. All proceeds go to Cure for Life.

Blackwood8 - A Celebration of Hope - 21 October 2011. A Gala evening comprising 3 Course dinner, drinks, live entertainment and inspiring guest speakers @ the Manningham Function centre, Doncaster Road, Doncaster. <http://www.blackwood8.com.au/> All proceeds go to Cure for Life.

Victorian contacts in this mailout are invited to attend a **Brain Tumour Forum** organised by the Brain Tumour Support group at The Austin Hospital in Melbourne on **2 November** between 5.30 and 8 p.m. All brain tumour patients and families from the Melbourne area are invited. Enquiries: dianne.legge@austin.org.au **South Australian contacts** for this mailout will receive a flyer about an Awareness Week Picnic in the Park on **30 October** 12.30 – 3.30 p.m. Contact: adultbraincancersa@gmail.com There is also a half-day brain tumour "Expo" in **Perth** on 30 October. Contact: info@jamescroftshopefoundation.org.au

The **12-page brochure** about the International Brain Tumour Awareness Week and the Walk Around the World for Brain Tumours which is enclosed in this envelope has been produced by the International Brain Tumour Alliance (www.theibta.org) who also edit the 130-page "Brain Tumour" magazine distributed in over 90 countries. To receive your free copy of the magazine fill in the on-line form at: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AJ3TMUBDV>

Thank you and best wishes.

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