

Press Release



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MND Week 2-8 May

Motor Neuron disease or MND is a condition where the nerve cells controlling the muscles that direct movement, speech, swallowing and breathing fail to work¹.

Even though MND progresses differently in each person, the condition can be quite quick, with an average life expectancy of two to three years from diagnosis².

This year MND Week will be held from 2-8 May, with people encouraged to purchase and wear a cornflower for MND on Cornflower Blue Day on 7 May 2010³.

Tunstall Healthcare, the world's leading provider of telehealthcare supports people living with MND and their carers all around the world.

Violet lives in Brisbane and is one of Tunstall's clients living with MND.

Violet has limited movement and relies on a motorised wheel chair.

Unable to move her arms, Violet is able to activate an alarm call if she needs help by tilting her head back slightly and touching a customised Tunstall wand switch.

By her bed she has a puff blow switch which allows her to activate an alarm call for assistance in the middle of the night.

Alarm calls go through to Tunstall's 24 hour response centre that has details about Violet's condition and a set protocol on how to organise assistance for her.

Violet is also able to answer her ringing telephone by activating her wand switch or puff blow switch and speak with the caller hands free via her Tunstall alarm.

Tunstall has a range of technology solutions that can be used to assist people living with MND in a range of different care environments.

This includes customised personal alarm triggers that contact Tunstall's 24 hour response centre, for people like Violet who rely primarily on community carers that come and go through the day.

¹ <http://www.mndaust.asn.au/what-is-mnd/>

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³ <http://www.mndaust.asn.au/news/mnd-week-2-to-8-may-2010/>

Tunstall also provides tools for full time onsite carers, such as pagers that notify the carer if help is required.

Fall detectors and bed and chair occupancy sensors can be linked to either Tunstall's 24 hour response centre or a carer's pager, letting them know when the person living with MND has fallen, gotten out of bed or their chair, suggesting they may need immediate assistance.

Tunstall provides a range of assistive technology solutions, as well as creating customised solutions tailored to the individuals needs.

These solutions can also be altered as the persons condition changes, ensuring they always have as much support as possible.

To find out more about MND Week visit www.mndaust.asn.au.

To find out more about Tunstall's solutions for independence visit www.tunstallhealthcare.com.au or call 1300 760 333.

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