

Awareness Week 3rd-9th May 2015

Tourette

The Facts!

Awareness week is intended to make us **stop, think** and **understand** more about Tourette Syndrome.

Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a neurological disorder for which there is no known cure. **Awareness, understanding** and **acceptance** are our key strategies to improve the quality of life for those with TS.

TSAA is the only organisation in Australia committed to supporting people effected by Tourette Syndrome. TSAA is a volunteer, self funded registered charity. After 26 years of campaigning and spreading awareness most people in the community have now heard the term Tourettes—but few have a true understanding of what it means.

Help us shine the light on the facts

In 2015 most people have heard of Tourettes however few have an accurate understanding of what it is. Below are 5 facts to get you started.

#1: Tourettes is NOT bad behaviour, or swearing, or 'put on'— it is neurological

#2: Tourettes is NOT rare—A little known fact is TS affects 1% of the population

#3: Tourettes is NOT just tics, over 80% also have comorbid conditions

#4: Tourettes does not affect intelligence—we are as smart as everyone else

#5: Tourettes is NOT catching it is genetic—we have done nothing wrong to have TS

For more facts visit www.tourette.org.au

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