

## World Autism Day – Saturday April 2, 2016



World Autism Day is Saturday April 2, 2016.

World Autism Awareness Day is about generating understanding as well as being a call to action.

To acknowledge this important day and the week from April 2 through to April 8 the Autism Association of Western Australia is hosting a range of free events across the Perth community.

Included in the many activities is our Autism awareness BBQ in Fremantle and Understanding Autism seminar in Joondalup. There will be something of interest for everyone.

Our World Autism week kicks off on Saturday April 2 when the following events be held.

### **Light it up Blue**

Perth's Bell Tower will light it up in blue on Saturday night. Blue is the international colour in recognition of Autism.

### **Pop up Stand: Fremantle**

Visit us in King's Square, Fremantle from 9.00am to 3.00pm where our team will be available to provide information on Autism and to raise community awareness. We will have kid's activities and a sausage sizzle too!

### **Understanding Autism Seminars: 9:30am–11:30am**

This relaxed no-cost event will provide basic yet essential information about the impact of Autism on day-to-day life. This year we are happy to provide this event in two locations:

- **Joondalup:** West Coast Institute, Health & Wellness Training Campus, 63 McLarty Ave, Joondalup
- **East Fremantle:** Autism Association of WA, 217 Canning Highway, East Fremantle

Full details can be found at our website [www.autism.org.au](http://www.autism.org.au)

# MEDIA RELEASE



## **ABOUT AUTISM**

Autism is a complex, disability which is neurobiological in origin. Approximately one in every 160 children in Australia is diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum disorder (ASD).

## **ABOUT THE AUTISM ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Inc)**

The Autism Association of Western Australia is the largest specialist lifespan organisation providing services to people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder in Australia. Services are best practice and based on leading international peer-reviewed research in the field of Autism. The Autism Association has well established links both nationally and internationally.

Services include:

- Autism Advisors and family support for newly diagnosed children.
- Multi-disciplinary Early Intervention Services
- School Support Service and Therapy Services for school age children
- Therapy and Clinical services for adults with ASD
- Community Living Support: Shared and Individual Homes
- Short Breaks for Children (Respite Service)
- Individual Support Programs tailored to individual-need, including Post School Options
- Employment Placement and Support Program
- Professional Development and Training Services
- State-wide Consultancy Service.
- Family Support

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