

PRESS RELEASE

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This Saturday up to 500 people are expected to show their support for Tasmanians living with disability by participating in Walk with Me through Launceston.

"A sunny, 18 degrees is forecast and we are hoping for another great turnout. "We get between 500 and 1000 for our walk which we put down for the huge love Launceston has for StGiles," St Giles Communications Manager Danielle Blewett said.

The walk is a fundraising and awareness campaign to encourage local businesses, schools, families and their friends to celebrate the inspirational achievements of people living with a disability by joining Walk With Me.

The walk is sponsored nationally by Dick Smith Stores starts with registration in the Brisbane Street Mall from 9am, walk from 11 and finishes with a barbecue, face painting and free children's activities in City Park.

The Launceston and Hobart (Saturday, September 13) events are part of a series being held around the country, to provide an opportunity for the community to recognise, support and celebrate diversity in an inclusive and festive environment.

It is an opportunity to create a community that is inclusive and welcoming for people of all abilities. One in four Australians are living with a disability – that means most people will know either a family member, friend, neighbour or colleague that deal with a vast array of challenges on a daily basis.

We're asking people to come walk with a mate and take time to acknowledge someone with a disability, learn about the challenges they face, celebrate their abilities and walk in their shoes.

"It's a short walk that says a lot about Launceston as an inclusive community," Ms Blewett said.

What: Walk With Me (preview)
When: 4pm Thursday, September 4
Where: City Park, Launceston

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