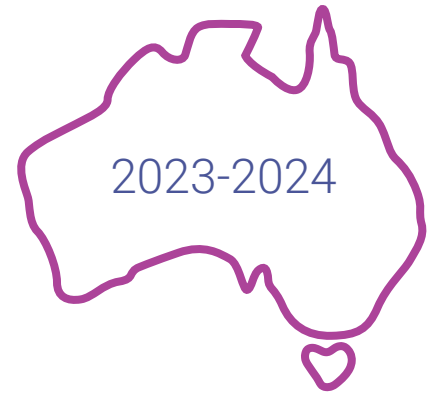


# FY2024 IMPACT REPORT



Epilepsy Action Australia has continued to provide support, information, education, and training for people with epilepsy and their families and communities across Australia, working together with them to achieve the best possible outcomes. In addition, our involvement with research projects continues to pave the way for new interventions and treatments to help improve and save lives.



**With generous support from the community, these are some of our achievements from the past twelve months:**



**10,000 contacts came through the National Epilepsy Line**, with many receiving personalised support from a specialist epilepsy Registered Nurse.



**We invested in research to optimise future outcomes for people with epilepsy** by supporting and collaborating on more than twenty projects across the country.



**9,360 people in the community undertook our training programs**, increasing their skills and knowledge about epilepsy.



**Another 200 schools became 'seizure smart'** by undertaking our education programs.

**GPs and other Healthcare Professionals engaged with our specialist content over 12,900 times**, supporting them with their epilepsy patients.



**There were 275,000 visits to our website** for epilepsy knowledge and information.

**Over 78,000 people connected with us via social media**, an effective way to support the community and spread public awareness of epilepsy.



**1,500 clients accessed our online resources** for better self-management.





## Services

Epilepsy Action Australia's community and online programs for clients facilitate information exchange and peer support. During the year we presented two Youth Conferences (100% of participants rating them highly!) and developed and added Youth Transition Assessment and Resources to our website. We collaborated with the University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research and Australian Women with Epilepsy to present EmpowerHER, a symposium for women with epilepsy in Brisbane.

## Public awareness campaigns and events

Our awareness campaign to mark international Purple Day (March 26) included a signature fundraising Gala Dinner held at Crown, Sydney attracting over 300 attendees including people living with epilepsy, supporters, and local and interstate researchers and neurologists. We also collaborated with other epilepsy organisations across the country to raise awareness under the "Make March Purple" banner.

We participated in a media campaign called Mind the Treatment Gap to reach Australians with drug-resistant epilepsy that may "fall through the treatment gap" and in October last year, we even had a brush with Royalty when we partnered with UCB on the event "Together for severe childhood epilepsy" in the presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid of Belgium!



## Research

Epilepsy Action Australia supports research that leads to better understanding, diagnosis, and management of epilepsy, which in turn improves health, behavioural, academic, and social functioning outcomes. Recent research collaborations include tertiary hospitals and universities such as Monash, Melbourne, Queensland, and Sydney Universities, assisting in recruitment and often as the Community Partner or Associate Investigator. We continue to be the major funder and partner of the Australian Pregnancy Register, enabling crucial research into the impact of anti-epileptic medication on unborn babies.

