

### **PARKINSON'S – MORE THAN JUST THE SHAKES**

Wednesday 11 April 2018 is World Parkinson's Day.

Parkinson's Australia CEO, Steve Sant, said 'many people think that Parkinson's is just the Shakes but it is so much more and can effect just about any part of your body from your sense of smell through to your swallowing and digestion'

'Parkinson's also does not discriminate and whilst it impacts older people more frequently it can effect men and women of any age'

Parkinson's Australia is working with Parkinson's organisations from around the world on World Parkinson's Day on 11 April to raise awareness about Parkinson's and the dramatic impact it can have of the lives of people who live with the condition everyday and on their carers and families.

The #UniteForParkinsons hashtag campaign will release a video on World Parkinson's Day highlight featuring people living with Parkinson's from all around the world and how Parkinson's effects their daily lives.

Parkinson's Australia is calling on the Federal Government to invest in better care and support for people living with Parkinson's by funding the employment of 51 Parkinson's Specialist Nurse to support people to live independently in the community.

Parkinson's Australia is also calling on the Government to support a Cure Parkinson's Mission and the fantastic researchers we have in Australia so that we can work to slow, stop and reverse this distressing condition that impacts the lives of over 100,000 people in Australia.

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