

# Key messages

## Facts about epilepsy?

- Epilepsy is a neurological condition that affects the brain, causing seizures
- Epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions with more than 50 Million people living with the condition worldwide
- 1 in 10 people will experience a seizure during their lifetime
- More than 28,740 Queenslanders live with an active diagnoses of epilepsy and 3,000 people will be diagnoses in Queensland this year
- 5 Australians will die from epilepsy related causes each week
- With our support, there is hope for 70% of people who are able to get control over seizures with medication, however through no fault of their own 30% need hope through more research and/or cure
- The greatest prevalence of diagnoses is in age groups 55+ and less than 5
- Half of all people with epilepsy do not know the cause of their condition

## Epilepsy Queensland

- For over 50 years Epilepsy Queensland (EQI) has been the beacon of hope for people living with, and impacted by epilepsy in Queensland
- We envision:
  - An individual understood and supported to live life well
  - A community aware, removing barriers and in search of a cure
  - An organisation financially strong, ready to deliver and measure impact
- EQI is the only Queensland based epilepsy consumer support organisation and service provider
- We provides information, counselling, support services and training to carers, education, health and disability workers
- We are committed to increasing community awareness and understanding about epilepsy and seizure first aid. When you understand what to do when a seizure occurs, fear and misunderstanding are diminished.
- Our mascot is Little Poss – we have special children’s program to help their understanding
- Patron – Wally Lewis
- Visit [www.epilepsyqueensland.com.au](http://www.epilepsyqueensland.com.au) or call 07 3435 5000 or 1300 852 853 (Outside Brisbane)



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