

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Let's Celebrate International Day of People with a disAbility!!

In 1992 The United Nations General Assembly announced 3 December to be observed every year as the International Day of Disabled Persons.

The purpose of the day is to promote the achievements of people with disability, to create awareness of disability issues and the benefits gained by creating a fully inclusive society. An inclusive society is achieved when people with disability are involved in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

"International Day of People with DisAbility is an opportunity to unite disability and community organisations, people with disabilities, businesses, all levels of government and the wider community to promote the positive message of inclusion", Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest stated.

"Every year millions of people around the world commemorate this day in their own unique way and I invite you to join with me to celebrate the achievements and contributions people with disability make to their communities every day" Ms Forrest said.

As part of these celebrations Ruth Forrest MLC will be holding a morning tea by coin donation. Details of the morning tea are:

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2005**  
**from 10.30 am**  
**19 Goldie Street Wynyard**

Ms Forrest stated that any proceeds received from the day would be donated to the Arthur Support School in Burnie.

"Please come along, have a cuppa and a scone and join in with us in highlighting the needs of people with disability, their families and carers and recognise the organisations which are proactive in meeting and supporting those needs. We can all work towards creating a fully inclusive society", stated Ms Forrest.

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