

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Senator Catryna Bilyk**

**Labor Senator for Tasmania**

**Senator Bilyk celebrates International Day of People with a Disability**

Labor Senator Catryna Bilyk marked International Day of People with a Disability by hosting a morning tea in her Kingston electorate office.

The morning tea was attended by a number of Clients from Oakdale Services Kingborough based homes along with their carers.

Senator Bilyk has an ongoing involvement with Oakdale and the morning tea was an opportunity for some of Oakdale's clients to enjoy an outing with each other.

"I really enjoy my visits to Oakdale. It was pleasing that both the clients and the carers enjoyed the visit to my office. There was lots of conversation and laughter and we all enjoyed some great food," said Senator Bilyk.

Senator Bilyk has great admiration for people with disabilities who do not let it dampen their enthusiasm for life and also for the carers who are so devoted to those people in their care.

"The rest of the community should be inspired by their enthusiasm," said Senator Bilyk.

Senator Bilyk encourages everyone to remember that it could be them or their loved one suffering a disability and to treat every one with the respect they would expect from others.

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