Anyone can get lung disease. It affects men, women, children, smokers, ex-smokers and never smokers, all of whom are equally worthy of care and support. No one deserves lung disease.

**Lung Disease in Australia**

- 1 in 4 Australians has a lung disease.¹
- 1 in 7 deaths is a result of lung disease.²
- There are over 30 types of lung disease.

**Lung Disease Accounts for 10% of the Total Health Burden in Australia.**²

Almost half of all Australians rarely or never think about the health of their lungs.³

**Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)**

- 1 in 7 Australians over 40 has COPD and many don’t know it.⁴
- COPD is the second leading cause of avoidable hospital admissions.⁵

**Lung Cancer**

- One Australian dies every hour from lung cancer.⁶
- 12,500 Australians were diagnosed with lung cancer in 2017. That’s 34 people a day.⁷
- Lung cancer is Australia’s biggest cancer killer. It kills more people than breast, prostate and ovarian cancers combined.²⁻⁰
- Lung cancer has one of the lowest survival rates of any cancer in Australia with only 15% of Australians surviving after their diagnosis.⁷
- 1 in 3 of women and 1 in 10 men diagnosed with lung cancer have no history of smoking.⁷

**Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)**

IPF is a rare and progressive lung disease causing irreversible scarring of the lungs.

**Understanding is rare, lung disease is not**

“It’s something that I was either born with, or grew into, or slowly developed over time. Lung disease has such a stigma attached to it that I think when I tell other people I have a lung disease, they probably assume that it is a recent thing and there is something I did in my lifetime that caused me to have a lung issue. I wish people would react to being presented with a person with a lung disease in a way that was open minded and understanding.”

Tegan is 28 years old and was diagnosed at the age of six with Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension.³⁻¹

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