

Emma Buitendag

Chief Executive Officer, Epilepsy WA, *PERTH*

Emma Buitendag is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Epilepsy WA, the only state-based epilepsy association in Western Australia, a position she has proudly held since 2017.

Emma has over 20 years management experience, which she gained working in the not-for-profit sector. She has a deep interest in raising awareness of epilepsy, reducing the stigma surrounding it, supporting those affected by the condition and helping to reduce risk for the 26,000 West Australians that currently live with a diagnosis of the condition.

Emma holds a Diploma of Management and a Diploma of Business Governance. She is an Executive Member of the Fundraising Institute of Australia (EMFIA) and a Member of the Institute of Community Directors (MICDA).

Under the guidance of Emma as CEO, Epilepsy WA provides a network of support groups, information, education and other vital services to the community.

Emma is a passionate supporter of *Look for epilepsy*, a UCB-led community engagement initiative designed to highlight the much-needed support available to those living with epilepsy, and their carers, while raising awareness of the neurological condition. She hopes the initiative will provide all Australians with a greater understanding of the reality of living with epilepsy, and an insight into how to respond when witnessing a seizure.



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