



# DWARFISM AWARENESS

## SHORT STATURED PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA

### **What is Short stature?**

Short stature may also be referred to as Dwarfism. There are over 350 diagnosed genetic conditions that can result in short stature.

### **Key facts:**

- Short stature mainly affects bone growth. It does not affect cognitive development, IQ levels or intellectual abilities.
- 80% of people with short stature have average height parents and siblings.
- The most common condition of short stature is Achondroplasia, which affects approximately 1 in every 20,000 births.
- People with short stature are usually less than 147 centimeters in height
- Short statured individuals live long, fulfilling lives – they go to school, go to work, find partners and raise children just like their average height peers.
- People with short stature have diverse occupations: teaching, genetics, media, medicine, politics, the arts, law, tattooing, public service, car racing and all kinds of trades.
- People with short stature participate in a range of sporting and recreational activities.
- Preferred terms are: short statured, person with dwarfism or little person. However like everyone else they would prefer to be called by their name.