

The LDAA Needs Your Help - 2013 Patient Survey Closing Soon



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## 2013 Patient Survey - Closes October 31st

*Dear* Lymelighter,



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So far we've had a lower than expected response to the survey, so there must be

hundreds of Lymies who have yet to fill out their survey form!

All of the online groups have increased in numbers this year, one by 300%. We are receiving approximately 70 emails per week from people who are unwell and seeking answers and international blood kits are shipping an average of 80 per month. So, we're reaching out to remind you to complete your survey and spread the word. We expect to at least double on last years survey numbers.

### **FAQ's**

If you completed it last year - still please complete this year

If you're uncertain of any answer, just keep going, or mark unsure and you can go back to it at a later date

Contact us at [info@lymedisease.org.au](mailto:info@lymedisease.org.au) and we'll endeavour to get your questions answered

Direct link to survey: <http://ldaa-patient-survey.poll daddy.com/s/survey-2013>

This survey is vitally important in terms of ensuring changes to government and medical policy because we must be able to demonstrate the number of Lymies in Oz. No-one else is keeping count and it's hard to convince policy-makers we need change if we can't demonstrate the severity of the problem. It helps us determine geographical hot spots which will then help us develop targeted tick bite prevention and awareness campaigns.

We know you're all sick and busy, but a few sick and busy people put countless hours of their own time into designing, analysing data and reporting on this survey for our benefit. Please spend those 10-15 minutes of your time to make sure your information is included. Please also contact any other Lymies you know and ask them if they've done the survey yet.

There's also quite a few incomplete surveys this year, so if you've had problems filling it out, can you please give us some feedback on any problems you had? It will help us correct and adjust. You can always go back and finish it off later if we can help sort out any issues you may have had. Feel free to contact us at [info@lymedisease.org.au](mailto:info@lymedisease.org.au) and we'll do our best to assist or find someone to do so.

More info on survey: <http://www.lymedisease.org.au>

Last year's survey report: [http://www.lymedisease.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/ldaa-lyme-disease-\\_australian-patient-experience-in-2012-22nov12.pdf](http://www.lymedisease.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/ldaa-lyme-disease-_australian-patient-experience-in-2012-22nov12.pdf)

**Remember - Lyme Awareness Saves Lives...** this information is invaluable in assisting us to campaign for adequate and effective diagnosis, treatment and care for

Lyme patients in Australia.

Thank you and best wishes,  
Sharon

PS Remember to forward this on to your Lymie friends and groups!

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Sharon Whiteman  
President 2013  
Lyme Disease Association of Australia

### **Tweet for Lyme**

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### **Random Acts of Lymeness**

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action list. Watch [this page](#) over the coming  
months & there will be something you can  
do!

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