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media alert

Unions Tasmania raise nearly \$1000 for Diabetes TASMANIA

Unions Tasmania Secretary will present a cheque for nearly \$1000 to Caroline Wells CEO of Diabetes TASMANIA today. Simon participated in Polliepedal for the first time this year and was sponsored by a number of unions plus Members Equity Bank and Tasplan superannuation.

Simon joined politicians from the three tiers of government, as well as business people and other members of the Tasmanian community in a three day bike ride in north of the state, starting on Friday 29 February 2008 in Evandale. The ride took in Scottsdale, Beaconsfield, Georgetown, Low Head, Beauty Point, Beaconsfield, the West Tamar and finished in Launceston on Sunday 2 March 2008 with stop-offs and businesses and schools and community centres along the way.

Polliepedal raises funds to assist Diabetes TASMANIA in its activities and this year the total amount raised was \$45 000. The event also raises public awareness of diabetes and the serious implications that the disease has for the individual as well as for the Tasmanian community.

Simon enjoyed the challenge of what was a physically demanding course, particularly the first day on the hills around Lillydale.

Caroline Wells, CEO of Diabetes TASMANIA said that the participation of organisations such as Unions Tasmania in events like Polliepedal assists in ensuring that the message of the risks associated with diabetes is broadcast to all segments of the Tasmanian community. Caroline Wells gratefully acknowledged the donations of the funds to Diabetes TASMANIA.

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