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media alert

Diabetes TASMANIA announces the launch of the 2009 Tasmanian Heroes of Diabetes Calendar

**The 2009 Tasmanian Heroes of Diabetes Calendar has been
launched by Diabetes TASMANIA.**

Caroline Wells, CEO of Diabetes TASMANIA, said that the calendar has been published to acknowledge some of the Tasmanians who have assisted people living with diabetes in Tasmania.

"Diabetes is affecting more Tasmanians every day" Ms Wells said. "When governments speak of the cost of diabetes, far too often the human story behind the disease is unintentionally overlooked. This calendar is a way of acknowledging and celebrating some of those Tasmanians who have made significant contributions to our community by assisting people living with both type 1 and type 2 diabetes. Also included are people who have their own story to tell of their lives with this disease" Ms Wells said.

The calendar features the photography of well known Tasmanian photographers Richard Bennett, Paul Bestwick, Rob Burnett, Belinda Fettke, Philip Kuruvita, Stephen Mihalenko and Alan Moyle, who donated their time and photographs to make this calendar possible.

The calendar is available for purchase from Diabetes TASMANIA at the purchase price of \$10.00. Proceeds from the calendar will go towards Diabetes TASMANIA's Camps for Children with type 1 diabetes. To purchase the calendar please phone Diabetes TASMANIA on 1300 136 588 or drop into their offices at 88 Bathurst Street Hobart or 64 Cameron Street Launceston.

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