

Medtronic polliepedal2008 raises \$45,000 for Diabetes TASMANIA

The Medtronic polliepedal2008 held over the weekend of 29 February to 2 March 2008, provided participants with an opportunity to enjoy a challenging bike ride, social networking as well as the attractions that the north east of Tasmania has to offer.

Caroline Wells, CEO of Diabetes TASMANIA, said "polliepedal is becoming an important annual event for Diabetes TASMANIA as it raises much needed funding to enable us to continue our diabetes education services to those people living with the disease.

"We wish to extend our thanks and admiration to those who rode in the event. Their commitment to assisting people with diabetes in what was a taxing physical challenge, has earned the respect of many of the members of the public who came into contact with the riders. We would also like to thank Senator Guy Barnett for his energetic contribution to the promotion of the polliepedal event in this state.

"This event would not have been the success it was without the support of our sponsors, Medtronic, Medibank Private, Novartis, Eli Lilly, GSK GlaxoSmithKline, MAIB, NovoNordisk, The Premier's Physical Activity Council and Tourism Tasmania.

"We would also like to acknowledge the patience and courtesy shown to participants by motorists in the northeastern region".

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