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**DIABETES TASMANIA POLLIE PEDAL**

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Diabetes Tasmania's PolliePedal 2014 broke a fundraising record raising over \$50,000 for Tasmanians living with diabetes, with online donations still coming in. This brings the total raised since 2006 to over \$440,000, said Guy Barnett, State Liberal candidate for Lyons and Diabetes Australia Ambassador.

"Day one of this year's ride started at Grindelwald, travelling north along the Tamar River, to the Beaconsfield Mine Museum and Glengarry, the Hagley Farm School, Westbury Community Health Centre, and Deloraine. Day two saw riders visit Trowunna Wildlife Park, the Chudleigh Show, through the Meander Valley and staying at the Hadspen Caravan Park. The final loop on day three was through Cressy, Longford, Evandale and concluding at Relbia. Penny Farthing cycling training was a feature at Evandale.

"Every day another seven Tasmanians are diagnosed with diabetes, which is not surprising when you consider it is currently Australia's fastest growing chronic disease.

"With this in mind it's very important that we continue to provide support and services, which can help delay or prevent diabetes complications, increase life expectancy and reduce medical expenses.

"Thank you for all generous donations, our sponsors and especially everyone on the route that supported the 23 cycling participants.

"The Tasmanian Pollie Pedal started in 2006 and we have big plans for our tenth year," Mr Barnett concluded.

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*Attached photos: Pollie Pedal group; Guy at Evandale with Penny Farthing*

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