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Pollie Pedal - breaking the cycle of diabetes

The 20th annual Tasmanian Pollie Pedal commenced on Friday, raising awareness and funds to support the important work of Diabetes Tasmania.

Along with 21 other cyclists, I am undertaking the annual three day fundraiser, which this year runs from 28 February to 1 March.

During this time, we will cycle from Wynyard in the North West to Longford in the North of Tasmania, with all money raised going towards helping Tasmanians living with diabetes. With an estimated 36,000 people living with diabetes in Tasmania, it is a significant health issue facing our community.

I helped found the first Tasmanian Pollie Pedal in 2006 and have participated in every ride since, cycling every single kilometre.

Since that time over \$700,000 has been raised for diabetes education and community awareness activities within the state and we are on track to raise over \$45,000 for this year's event.

As a Diabetes Australia Ambassador, I have seen the event grow from humble beginnings to a highly anticipated annual event.

As a person living with type 1 diabetes, I hope that this year's Pollie Pedal will bring increased awareness for people living with diabetes in the state.

Donations can be made in person, by calling 6215 9000, or by jumping on the Pollie Pedal Everyday Hero page at <https://everydayhero.com.au/event/polliepedal2020>