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Guy Barnett, Liberal Member for Lyons

Another successful Pollie Pedal for Diabetes Tasmania

The 15th annual Tasmanian Pollie Pedal, held last weekend, was another great success with fundraising at almost \$49,000 – exceeding our target of \$45,000.

The ride, to raise awareness and funds to support the important work of Diabetes Tasmania, had 22 riders who cycled from Wynyard in the North West to Longford in the North of Tasmania.

I helped found the first Tasmanian Pollie Pedal in 2006 and have participated in every ride since. As Diabetes Australia Ambassador, I have seen the event grow from humble beginnings to a highly anticipated annual event.

Since that time over \$700,000 has been raised for diabetes education and community awareness activities within the state.

With an estimated 36,000 people living with diabetes in Tasmania, it is a significant health issue facing our community.

As a person living with type 1 diabetes, I am delighted that this year's Pollie Pedal exceeded expectations and look forward to continuing the charge to raise awareness for people living with diabetes in the state.

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



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