



PARLIAMENTARY DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP ACTIVITY REPORT 2002-2008

Turning diabetes around in Australia



Executive members of the Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group
(Back): Mr Mark Dreyfus QC MP, Senator Guy Barnett,
(Front): Dr Mal Washer MP, Chair The Hon Judi Moylan MP
and Hon Dick Adams MP

DIABETES - THE FACTS

- Diabetes mellitus is a metabolic disease closely linked to being overweight and obese.
- Diabetes type 1, is an autoimmune disorder which destroys the pancreatic beta cells.
- An estimated 246 million people aged 20-79 worldwide have diabetes. This number is expected to grow by 55% reaching 380 million by 2025.
- 70,000 children are expected to develop Juvenile Diabetes which is increasing.
- Impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) which significantly increases a **person's risk of developing type 2 diabetes is estimated to affect 308 million people worldwide in the age range 20-79.**
- Each year 2.8 million adults die from diabetes-related illnesses, representing 1 death every 10 seconds.
- In Australia, 7.4 per cent of the population has diabetes. (AusDiab 2000)
- The social and medical costs were estimated to total \$6 billion annually, in an AusDiab study 2002.
- The human cost of diabetes is reduced quality of life and mortality.
- Complications arising from diabetes include: blindness, kidney failure, increased risk of heart attack, stroke and amputations. In fact, it is estimated that every 30 seconds in the world someone has a limb amputated due to diabetes.

THE PARLIAMENTARY DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

In 2000, The Hon Judi Moylan MP established the Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group (PDSG) with bi-partisan support from executive members Dr Mal Washer MP, Senator Guy Barnett, The Hon Dick Adams MP and former member Mr Cameron Thompson.

Its establishment was a logical response to the fact that the greatest health-care challenge of the 21st Century, beyond the dire effects of poverty, is the management of CHRONIC ILLNESS. It is the new frontier.

Medical science has found ways of preventing a multitude of childhood diseases that in previous decades stole the lives of so many children.

In the catalogue of CHRONIC ILLNESS no condition is more needful than the world-wide scourge of diabetes. Its management and prevention is a responsibility of the whole of society.

The PDSG contends that Parliaments should play a leading role in promoting community education, effective policies and health-care for sufferers of this world-wide scourge.

Diabetes, left undiagnosed and untreated, dramatically affects quality of life and shortens life span. Its malevolent course may lead to heart disease, renal failure, limb amputation and blindness.

Furthermore, unless national governments act to deliver comprehensive policies, the implications for health budgets will be calamitous.

Prevention and effective policy-making are essential to confront the diabetes pandemic.

Inspired by the words of that great Australian Sara Henderson who said ***"If there's no light at the end of the tunnel, you just have to march down there and turn the bloody thing on yourself"***, the Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group has seized the initiative to ensure that diabetes remains a national and international health priority.

The Hon Judi Moylan MP
Chair
Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group

CHARTER OF THE PDSG

The Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group
was established to:

- raise awareness of diabetes types 1 and 2 among Members of Parliament and staff
- act as a conduit to Ministers to improve policy responses to management, education and research
- offer support to Members, Senators and staff working Parliament House who have been diagnosed with diabetes
- liaise with industry groups, research organisations and allied health professionals
- promote the development of public policies and increase public awareness and knowledge of comprehensive management regimes
- host or co-host a minimum of two events each year to highlight the public health risks of the diabetes epidemic
- draw world-wide attention to the complications and quality of life implications and the effect on health budgets if governments do not act
- encourage all parliaments to establish support groups

OUTCOMES & EVENTS 2002 - 2008

Lending Support

In partnership with leading diabetes organisations, including Diabetes Australia and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the PDSG has successfully lobbied for:

- \$5.5million allocated in the May 2008 budget to make insulin pump technology more affordable for families who have a child under 18 with type 1 diabetes.
- a \$15.3 million commitment by the Federal Government to enable consumables used with insulin pump therapy to be included in the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS).
- establishment of the Islet Cell Transplantation Global Centre of Excellence through a Government commitment of \$23.5 million.
- the listing of long-acting insulin on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).
- the listing of Glitazone medication to prevent the early progression of type 2 diabetes on the PBS.
- the inclusion of diabetes educator fees as part of an expanded Medicare Allied Health initiative.
- the continued support of the \$750 million NDSS administered by Diabetes Australia (over five years).
- Australia to support the passage of a landmark Resolution in the United Nations General Assembly to recognise diabetes as a significant threat to public health and to adopt United Nations World Diabetes Day.

The Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group has also supported -

- the \$6 million plan to encourage children to exercise through the '*Get Moving*' campaign
- \$292 million in Federal Government funding for over 600 Australian research projects

KIDS IN THE HOUSE

The latest co-hosted event held in Parliament House was 'Kids in the House' in November 2006, which was organised by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. More than 100 young people and their carers were flown by Qantas from all over the country to talk about diabetes. The theme was 'PROMISE TO REMEMBER ME'.

They met with their local Members of Parliament, Opposition Members, Ministers and then Prime Minister, Hon John Howard MP, to discuss the problems of the day-to-day management of diabetes.

Following the 2003 'Kids in the House' event, the Federal Government announced a \$23.5 million grant to establish the Islet Cell Transplantation Centre. The Centre is now open and is run through the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). The program was officially opened in 2006 at a gathering of leading diabetes scientists, researchers, educators and endocrinologists.

WALK FOR A CURE

In August 2007 Flinders MP Greg Hunt embarked on a 500km sponsored walk around the Flinders electorate that raised just over \$55,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

This was the second walk completed by Mr Hunt to raise much needed funds.

Mr Hunt embarked on the gruelling 19-day walk around the Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Bay to Phillip Island in honour of two young diabetes sufferers 11-year-old Chloe from Dromana and Justin, aged nine, from Cowes.

Chloe and her family walked with Mr Hunt on day one of the walk from Arthurs Seat to Red Hill while Justin and his family were there to celebrate the finish at Cowes on Phillip Island.

Along the way Mr Hunt, accompanied by Jelly Baby, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's mascot, called in at 50 schools to speak to students about the disease. Many of the schools had held fundraising days in support of the walk.

Mike Wilson, CEO of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, thanked Mr Hunt on behalf of Australia's 140,000 type 1 diabetes sufferers.

"On behalf of JDRF and members of the type 1 diabetes community, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Mr Hunt for his generous support and dedication to this important cause.



Member for Flinders, Hon Greg Hunt MP, with constituent and television personality Daryl Somers and type-1 diabetes sufferers Justin and Chloe

MEDTRONIC polliepedal 2008

The 2008 Medtronic polliepedal was held over the weekend of February 29 to March 2.

Twenty seven riders took part in the event, including Senator Guy Barnett and the former Health Minister the Hon Tony Abbott MP.

The third annual Pollie Pedal raised \$45,000 for Diabetes Tasmania. The funds enable the organisation to continue providing diabetes education services for people living with the disease.



OXFORD HEALTH ALLIANCE GLOBAL SUMMIT

In February 2008 Chair of the PDSG, the Hon Judi Moylan MP opened the Oxford Health Alliance Global Summit in Sydney.

Speaking to the gathering about the growing diabetes crisis Mrs Moylan said.

“The Parliaments of the prosperous democracies have pledged themselves in the context of MILLENIUM GOALS, to a commitment to MAKE POVERTY HISTORY.

The sad fact is that as quickly as we strive for debt reduction in the developing world the rate of diabetes is soaring, laying waste to human capital and inhibiting socio-economic advance.

All over the globe, diabetes is an insidious blight to income production, to creativity and to life-expectation.”

7TH INTERNATIONAL DIABETES FEDERATION WESTERN PACIFIC CONGRESS

From 30 March to 2 April 2008 the Hon Judi Moylan MP attended the 7th International Diabetes Federation Western Pacific Congress in New Zealand and spoke at a function in the New Zealand Parliament.

“Those of us attending this forum know that we should, we must, we can work much harder to turn back the diabetes pandemic.

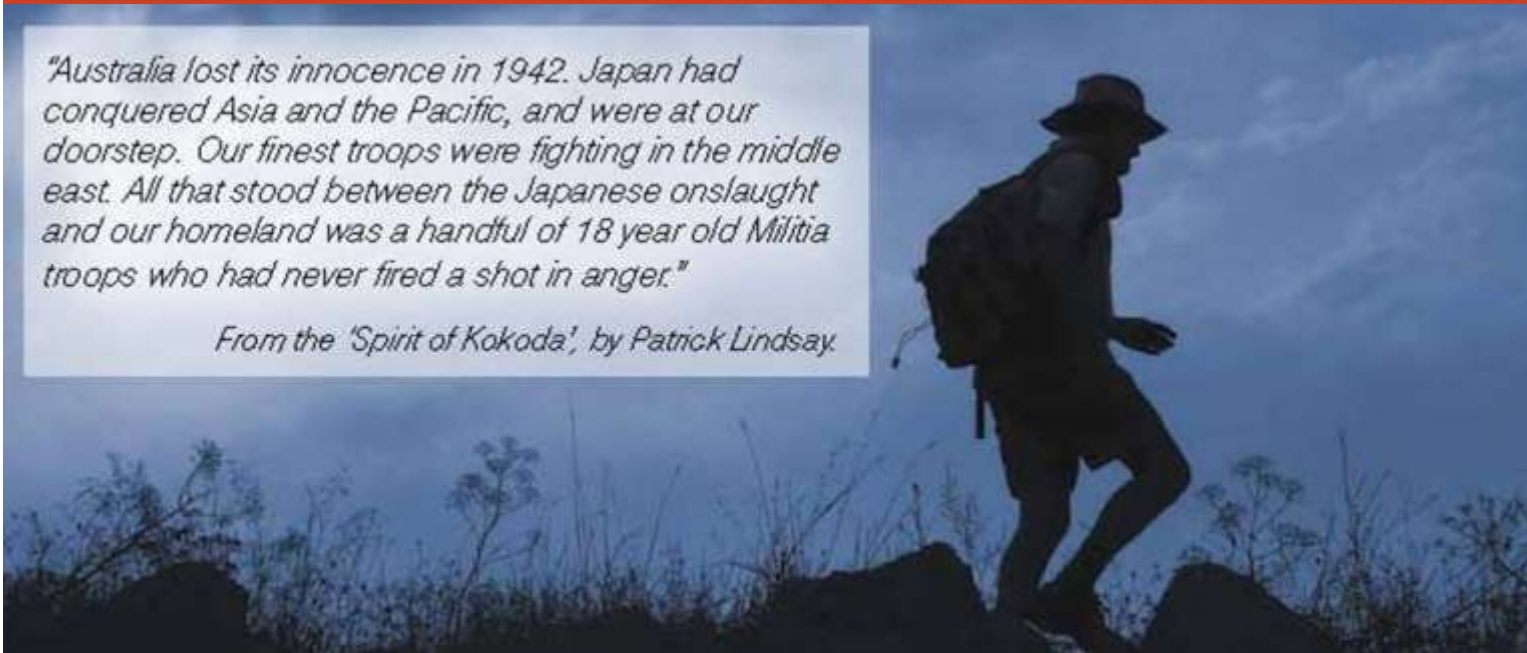
As my colleague from Tonga Dr. Villami said, ‘if we do not act decisively and act now, we may well be the first generation for several decades where parents will bury their children.’”

KOKODA JDRF TREK 2008

20 - 30th April, 2008

"Australia lost its innocence in 1942. Japan had conquered Asia and the Pacific, and were at our doorstep. Our finest troops were fighting in the middle east. All that stood between the Japanese onslaught and our homeland was a handful of 18 year old Militia troops who had never fired a shot in anger."

From the 'Spirit of Kokoda', by Patrick Lindsay.



From 20 to 30 April 2008 a team led by Mr Guy Barnett, Senator for Tasmania that included the **Chief Executive Officer of Diabetes Australia, Mr Matt O'Brien**, made the extraordinary journey along the Kokoda track in Papua New Guinea. The trek traced the steps of the Australian forces through the Owen Stanley Range to Kokoda with a special Anzac Day service en route.

The journey was an expedition in honour of our Diggers who fought bravely in the Kokoda battles. Two of the trekkers were RSL veterans and the trek had the support of the RSL. Also two other trekkers, Senator Barnett and Caroline Burridge, have type 1 or juvenile diabetes and the 96km walk was designed to raise funds and awareness for the more than 140,000 Australian children and adults who live with type 1 diabetes.

All funds raised contributed towards the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's mission 'to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research'. To date over \$150,000 has been raised with three special fundraising events still to occur in Launceston, Melbourne and Canberra. The Canberra dinner in Parliament House will be hosted by the *Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group*.





Above: Speaker for the House of Representatives , Member for Scullin, Mr Harry Jenkins MP, speaks to Monique Pretto.



Above right: Member for Pearce, Hon Judi Moylan MP, with Sam Leotta (who has diabetes), his father Eric and sister Danielle.

Right: After the death of her daughter Danielle (who had diabetes), Dr Susan Alberti AM has committed her life to finding a cure for diabetes. She was at Kids in the House 2006.



Below right: Executive Member of the PDSG Dr Mal Washer MP, Member for Moore, meets with several of the young people at his Canberra office.



Above: Senator Guy Barnett with then Minister for Education Science and Training, Hon Julie Bishop MP, at the National Obesity Forum.



Executive Members of the PDSG and industry experts at a Diabetes awareness function at Parliament House.



Member for Flinders, Hon Greg Hunt MP, completed his first diabetes fundraising awareness walk in 2004 and his second in 2007

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

July 2008- Senator Guy Barnett launches a petition in North West Tasmania calling on the State Government to employ a full-time endocrinologist.

June 2008 - PDSG hosted a dinner *Kokoda and its importance to Australia* at Parliament House in **Canberra, reflecting on Senator Guy Barnett's recent expedition.**

June 2008 - The Hon Judi Moylan MP addressed the German Bundestag about the formation of a Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group .

June 2008 - The Hon Judi Moylan MP attended the 5th World Congress on the Prevention of Diabetes (WCPD) in Helsinki Finland.

May 2008 - The Hon Judi Moylan MP met with Dr Aaron Kowalski who is overseeing the Artificial Pancreas project, JDRF Chief Executive Officer **Mike Wilson and JDRF's** Government Programs Manager Sarah Harrison. During the meeting Mrs Moylan was presented with a gold Jelly Baby pin.

May 2008 - JDRF *WA Kids in the House* event held at Parliament House in Western Australia. Dr Mal Washer attends the Research dinner with guest speaker Dr Aaron Kowalski

April 2008 - Senator Guy Barnett leads a group expedition trek of the Kokoda Track to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

March/April 2008 - The Hon Judi Moylan MP spoke at a function in the New Zealand Parliament during the 7th IDF Western Pacific Region Congress

March 2008 - PDSG attend a dinner in Canberra hosted by Sanofi Aventis to listen to a presentation by guest speaker Dr Greg Fulcher, Director of the Dept of Diabetes, Endocrinology & Metabolism; Director of the Sydney Diabetes Clinical Research Unit Royal North Shore Hospital

February 2008 - The Hon Judi Moylan MP opens the Oxford Health Alliance Summit in Sydney to examine the issue of chronic disease

February/March 2008- Senator Barnett held the third annual *'Pollie Pedal'* in Tasmania. 27 riders took part raising \$45,000 for Diabetes Tasmania.

September 2007- The Hon Judi Moylan MP spoke at a function in the New Zealand Parliament about the work of the PDSG

August 2007 - *Futures Forum* held at Parliament House in Canberra

July 2007 - Member for Flinders, Hon Greg Hunt MP, completed his second 500 km walk for diabetes awareness. With the community he raised \$55,000 for diabetes research.

June 2007 - Senator Guy Barnett hosted *Healthy Lifestyle Forum* in Canberra. The forum was followed by a dinner with guest speaker Professor Philip James, Chair of the International Obesity Taskforce

June 2007 - Chronic Illness Breakfast hosted by the Motor Neuron Disease Association

March 2007 - Senator Barnett held the second annual *'Pollie Pedal'* in Tasmania. Many people took part in the three day event including Senator Helen Polley.

March 2007 - Diabetes Australia launch *Turning Diabetes Around* - **Diabetes Australia's national** priorities for tackling the diabetes epidemic.

March 2007- The Hon Judi Moylan MP , Senator Guy Barnett and Dr Mal Washer attend *Global 2007 Changing Diabetes Forum* in New York. The event was hosted by Novo Nordisk.

November 2006 - book launch '*The Millennium Disease*' **Senator Barnett's new book on obesity.**

October 2006 - JDRF International Diabetes Research Dinner key speakers included Dr Bob Goldstein, Chief Scientific Officer, JDRF International, Mike Wilson, CEO JDRF Australia, Dr James Markmann, Dr Ezio Bonifacio, Dr Olle Korsgren and Professor Ian Frazer

October 2006 - Senator Guy Barnett held his seventh '*National Obesity Forum*' in Canberra.

2006 - Senator Barnett inaugurated an annual fund-raising cycling event dubbed '*Pollie Pedal*' in Tasmania.

August 2006 - A private dinner, hosted by Sanofi Aventis, was addressed by Professor Ian Caterson of Sydney University & Professor Stephen Colagiuri of the University of NSW, who **spoke on the topic of "Obesity - positive steps"**.

June 2006 - A dinner in Canberra, hosted by Merck Sharp & Dohme, was addressed by Associate Professor Jonathan Shaw, Deputy Director of the International Diabetes **Institute Melbourne, speaking on the topic of "The Case for Expanded Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme access to Cholesterol Lowering Medicines - How it will help Australians at risk"**.

November 2005 - A dinner hosted by Diabetes Australia & Eli Lilly Australia was **addressed by Dr Gordon Hirsch, Medical Director Eli Lilly, speaking on "What's in the Pipeline?" and Mr Brian Conway, Executive Director Diabetes Australia, on the subject of "How are consumers impacted?"**

November 2005 - The Hon Judi Moylan MP joined the Minister for Health and Ageing, The Hon Tony Abbott MP, to speak at the launch of '*World Diabetes Day*' in Parliament House.

August 2005 - Managing Director, Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Mr David Albachten & Senior Medical Adviser, Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Dr Mirella Daja, addressed a **dinner in Parliament House on the topics of "Our Commitment to the triple bottom line, an example" & "Diabetes, Attitudes, Wishes & Needs (DAWN) - the Australian Experience" respectively.**

November 2004 - PDSG supports the World Diabetes Day campaign - **"Fight obesity, prevent diabetes"**.

July 2004 - Judi Moylan officially launched a new website for young people with Juvenile Diabetes - www.diabeteskidsandteens.com.au on behalf of Diabetes Australia – NSW.

June 2004 - The Minister for Health & Ageing, Hon Tony Abbott MP, launched Diabetes Australia's **report entitled *The Diabetes Epidemic - what Australia should do about it.***

June 2004 - Prime Minister, Hon John Howard MP, announces *Building a Healthy Active Australia to tackle obesity with \$116 million in funding, at Senator Barnett's fourth Healthy Lifestyle Forum* in Tasmania. As part of this initiative, a \$15 million *Healthy School Communities Program* made \$1500 available to each Australian school to support healthy eating.

June 2004 - PDSG joined Professor Martin Silink AM MD FRACP, President Elect, **International Diabetes Federation, to launch the third edition of the "*Diabetes in the School*" information pack.**

June 2004 - The Federal Government announced a Medicare rebate for diabetes patients under the enhanced primary care plan.

May 2004 - The PDSG wrote to the Treasurer, Hon Peter Costello MP and the Minister for Health and Ageing, Hon Tony Abbott MP, asking for insulin pump consumables to be listed on the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS).

May 2004 - Then in the 2004 Federal Budget, \$15.3 million was announced for insulin pump consumables to be listed on the NDSS.

March 2004 - Dr Richard Insel, Executive Vice-President Research JDRF International addressed a dinner meeting in Parliament House.

2004 - Member for Flinders, Hon Greg Hunt MP, completed a 500 km walk for diabetes awareness in 2004. With the community he raised \$65,000 for diabetes research. A similar event will occur in 2007.

November 2003 - The Glitazone medication was listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

2003 - The Hon Julie Bishop MP (former Minister for Ageing) launched *Guidelines - Management & Care of Diabetes in the Elderly*.

October 2003 - Professor Martin Silink AM MD FRACP Professor of Endocrinology and **Diabetes at the Children's Hospital at Westmead & President Elect of the International Diabetes Federation** addressed a lunch in Parliament House and spoke on the topic of **"Australia on the World Stage of Diabetes - current issues in Australia"**.

August 2003 - The inaugural Kids in the House event was held, themed - **"Promise to remember me"**. **On the day 14,600 syringes & 21,000 blood glucose strips were placed on the demonstration lawn at Parliament House.**

2003 - The Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group debates a Private Members Motion on Juvenile Diabetes.

2003 - Professor Paul Zimmet AO, MD, PhD, FRACP, FRCP (UK) Director, International Diabetes Institute, Melbourne, **addressed a dinner at Parliament House speaking on "Diabetes - the Global Pandemic"**.

May 2003 - Senator Guy Barnett hosted a Healthy Lifestyle Forum to help Combat Childhood Obesity – Issues and Solutions, in Hobart.

2003 - Members of PDSG joined Dawn Fraser to launch the first ever Roche Diagnostics Global Art Contest for Children and Teens with Diabetes.

November 2002 - PDSG debates a motion on Diabetes to coincide with World Diabetes Day.

2002 - PDSG, Diabetes Australia & the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation jointly hosted an event in Parliament House to highlight the problem of diabetes in the community.

2002 - Professor Paul Zimmet AO, MD, PhD, FRACP, FRCP (UK) Director, International Diabetes Institute, Melbourne, addressed an inaugural dinner at Parliament House in Canberra. He **spoke on the topic of "Epidemic Diabetes - surpassing AIDS, as the greatest public health challenge of the 21st Century"**. **Professor Don Chisholm AO MB BS FRACP Head of Diabetes & Metabolism Research Foundation Program, The Garvan Institute of Medical Research, was also an invited guest at the event.**

2002 – **Senator Guy Barnett visits the USA & produces two reports on "Diabetes in the USA" & "Obesity & fast food in Australia"**.

2000 – The PDSG was established in 2000.

Below: Member for Calwell, Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP, with young people at her Parliament House office



Hon Christopher Pyne MP, Former Minister for Ageing, with Thomas Pitman.



*Above: The Hon Judi Moylan MP met with Dr Aaron Kowalski who is overseeing the Artificial Pancreas project, JDRF chief executive officer **Mike Wilson**, JDRF's Government Programs Manager Sarah Harrison and JDRF staff*



Flinders MP Greg Hunt's begins his 500km sponsored walk around the Flinders electorate that raised just over \$55,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation



Former Treasurer, Hon Peter Costello MP, took the time to speak with Paul Nicol



Rebecca Slater and Rachel Blackley had the opportunity to meet with Member for Tangney, Dr Dennis Jensen MP, in Canberra.



The participants of the Futures Forum that was held in Canberra in August 2007.



Former Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources, Hon Ian MacFarlane MP, with Kids in the House guests



Former Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Hon Kevin Andrews MP, with a group of young people during the Kids in the House Event.



Member for Casey, Hon Tony Smith MP, enjoys a laugh with Jeremy Metha.



Member for Adelaide, Ms Kate Ellis MP, speaks with constituents Nicole Walker and her mum as part of Kids in the House.



Executive member of the PDSG Senator Guy Barnett "flies the flag" for diabetes.

UN VOTES FOR WORLD DIABETES DAY

A landmark decision was announced in December 2006 by the UN General Assembly to recognise and observe 14th November annually as World Diabetes Day.

Australian Professor Martin Silink, AM MD FRACP who was elected to the prestigious position of President of the International Diabetes Federation, has been a driving force in achieving United Nations recognition that diabetes is a chronic, debilitating and costly disease which with its associated complications carries severe implications for public health.

Two hundred countries, including Australia, voted for the Resolution. The PDSG also offered its strong commitment to the motion and is grateful to The Hon Alexander Downer MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, for his support in the passage of the Resolution.

This Resolution will require nations across the world to develop national policies for the prevention, treatment and care of diabetes, keeping in mind the importance of sustainable health care.

A statement on the United Nations website noted ***"For the first time, governments have acknowledged that a non-infectious disease is as serious a global health threat as the infectious epidemics"***.

Diabetes Australia and the PDSG strongly lobbied the Australian Government, which supported the passing of the Resolution.



"The status of diabetes changed with the passage of UN Resolution 61/225 which was adopted by consensus by the UN General Assembly on December 20th, 2006. This landmark Resolution recognises the risks that diabetes and its complications pose to families, Member States and world health. It joins AIDS in having its own UN Resolution and is the only other disease having a UN observed day (World Diabetes Day, November 14th). The International Diabetes Federation is proud to have led the successful campaign." - Professor Martin Silink, AM MD FRACP

THE FUTURES FORUM

As a result of the UN General Assembly's resolution which called for national policies on the prevention and treatment of diabetes, The Futures Forum was held in Parliament House in Canberra on August 13, 2007.

The event was co-hosted by Diabetes Australia and the Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group and was attended by key stakeholders.



Dr Sandy Dawson from the New Zealand Ministry of Health with former Minister for Health and Ageing The Hon Tony Abbott MP at the Futures Forum

KEY OUTCOMES FROM THE FUTURES FORUM

- Action is required to improve awareness, prevention, detection and management of all types of diabetes.
- Equitable access to information, education and health services should be ensured for all groups in the population.
- Improved efforts are needed to apply what we already know, while we continue to generate new knowledge.
- Society-wide efforts are needed to improve physical environments that will encourage healthier lifestyles.

INSULIN PUMP

In the May 2008 Federal Budget it was announced that a new Insulin Pump subsidy for children with type- 1 diabetes would be introduced from November 1, 2008.

The Australian Government has allocated \$5.5million over four years to make insulin pump technology more affordable for families who have a child under 18 with type 1 diabetes.

A new means-tested subsidy of up to \$2,500 will be available for people under 18, towards the cost of an insulin pump. This announcement will potentially benefit around 700 Australian families.

An insulin pump is a small computerised device that delivers insulin constantly under the skin through a plastic tube. The pump is programmed to give small background doses of insulin continuously throughout the day and night **depending on the individual's needs.**

Insulin pump therapy is regarded as the best treatment for children and young people with type 1 diabetes, particularly for those who are unable to adequately control their diabetes by means of multiple daily injections.

An insulin pump significantly improves the health of the user. It also reduces the need for parents to supervise the management of a **child's type 1 diabetes.**

This announcement resulted from the hard work and dedication of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), Diabetes Australia (DA) and over 140 campaigners.



The Insulin Pump subsidy will make the lives of children such as Lauryn Hope-Blyth and their families much easier.

Photograph courtesy of JDRF.

KIDS IN THE HOUSE "Promise to remember me"



Above: Kids in the House 2006 participants gather inside Parliament House..



*In 2006 the Kids in the House were able to meet with former Prime Minister the Hon John Howard.
Photographs courtesy of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation*

Thank you to all our supporters...

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Above: Kids in the House participants in 2006 on the demonstration lawn at Parliament House with the 1000s of syringes placed there to tell a story .

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