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**HypoActive en route to sending more kids to diabetes camp**

Diabetes Australia – Vic’s peer support group HypoActive will participate in the Murray to Moyne cycling relay for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Their aim is to raise at least \$20,000 to send young children like 9 year-old Olivia Schultz from Hamilton to diabetes camp.

A team of 14 cyclists and six crew, all living with type 1 diabetes, will ride in relay the full 520 kilometres from Australia’s greatest river down to the picturesque and charming coastal town of Port Fairy at the mouth of the meandering Moyne River – in just 24 hours, cycling well into the night and out of the early morning.

DA–Vic’s CEO Craig Bennett thanked the HypoActive team for its support. Many of the team are regular participants in the annual Murray to Moyne cycle event. Mr Bennett said that their dedication was both humbling and inspiring, clearly demonstrating that diabetes shouldn’t stop anyone – children and adults alike – from being physically active on a regular basis. Mr Bennett wished the team a safe journey under fair skies.

Team Captain Gavin Wright, 54, has been HypoActive’s president for the past 3 years and takes to the plains for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

“I’ve had type 1 diabetes since I was three-years old”, Gavin says.

“I had been living with diabetes for a very long time before I even met anyone else with the condition. When I was a child, I didn’t get the opportunity to go to diabetes camp – which really is a pity. At camp, children learn that they are not alone, that they are surrounded and supported by other people living with diabetes.”

“Most people living with type 1 diabetes are diagnosed when they are young and diabetes camps are a huge step up towards building confidence and good health moving into in an adult world.”

While Gavin and his team are making their way into Port Fairy, Olivia Schultz is heading to diabetes autumn camp at Warburton in the Yarra Valley on Sunday 29 March. The 9 year-old girl from Hamilton was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when she was 2 years old and is looking forward to making new friends.

“It’s Olivia’s first time at camp and she can’t wait to go. It will be a special reward for her as Olivia’s health hasn’t been great recently”, says mum Tracy Schultz.

You can support DA–Vic’s work by donating to HypoActive’s team at <https://m2m15.everydayhero.com/au/hypoactive/members>

*Diabetes Australia – Vic is the leading charity and peak consumer body working to reduce the impact of diabetes.*

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***Diabetes figures along the route:***

Postcode	Principal Town	Type 1	Type 2	Total
<b>3284</b>	PORT FAIRY	25	174	204
<b>3293</b>	GLENTHOMPSON	*	23	25
<b>3294</b>	DUNKELD	*	40	48
<b>3300</b>	HAMILTON	83	593	685
<b>3380</b>	STAWELL	53	482	540
<b>3478</b>	ST ARNAUD	28	282	313
<b>3564</b>	ECHUCA	83	871	979
<b>Total</b>		280	2,465	2,794
<b>Victoria</b>		28,642	254,525	292,671
<b>Australia</b>		118,381	1,013,205	1,168,786

\* = Less than 10 registrants

Data extracted from NDSS database as at 16 March 2015