



Government Media Statement

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DOUG PARKINSON
Government Leader in the Legislative Council

GOVERNMENT DIPS IN FOR 48 HOUR CHARITY RELAY RUN

The Government Leader in the Legislative Council, Doug Parkinson MLC, this morning officially launched the 2006 48-hour Charity Relay Run at Hobart's Domain Athletic Centre – and boosted fundraising with a \$1,000 cheque from the State Government.

Mr Parkinson said proceeds from the 18th Relay Run would be donated by the organising committee to Headway Support Services.

“This is a great opportunity for Tasmanians to contribute to a most worthwhile cause.

“Headway is a specialist community-based rehabilitation service for people with an acquired brain injury, their families and social networks.

“Headway has been providing services for Tasmanians with an ABI for more than 16 years.

“It helps people with a brain injury to rebuild their independence through the development of skills and abilities.

“Headway plans to use funds raised from the 48-hour Relay to help with the purchase of equipment.”

Mr Parkinson congratulated organisers on the success of the Relay over 18 years.

“The Relay has raised a total of almost \$340,000 over the years for community organisations including RAFT, Spina Bifida, Down’s Syndrome, the Asthma Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis, the Heart Foundation and Kennerley Children’s Homes, as well as Headway.

“It’s a fantastic achievement and I’m confident the support will continue this year.”

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