

MEDIA RELEASE



The Hon **David Hawker** MP
Federal Member for Wannon



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MEDIA ALERT: TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST 2009

1.5 MILLION SPORTING PASSES — ONE PASS FOR EVERY AUSTRALIAN WITH DIABETES* ARARAT WEST AND CONGELLA PRIMARY SCHOOLS TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

See children from Ararat West and Congella Primary Schools complete their challenge of 1.5 million sporting passes – that's one for every Australian with diabetes* – as part of a national *Turning to Sport for Good Health* campaign; a joint initiative between the Australian Sports Commission's Active After-school Communities (AASC) program and Diabetes Australia.

The huge sporting challenge aims to raise the awareness of diabetes and educate children that sport plays a big part in a healthy and active lifestyle.

Children from Congella and Ararat West Primary Schools will be adding to their pass count on Tuesday 25th August at 12.30pm and 2pm respectively.

The Hon David Hawker MP Federal, Member for Wannon, will be in attendance helping the children with their passes.

The AASC is a free Australian Government program, introduced by the former Coalition Government, which has achieved outstanding results in promoting a healthy and active lifestyle and the transition of primary school children into community sport. Around 150,000 children take part in the program and are provided a positive introduction to over 70 sports and 20 other structured physical activities.

For more information visit www.ausport.gov.au/aasc

GREAT VISUALS, INTERVIEWS AND CHILDREN MAKING THE 1.5 MILLIONTH PASS!

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES:

WHAT: ACTIVITY SESSION
WHERE: CONGELLA PRIMARY SCHOOL, CONGELLA SCHOOL ROAD
WHEN: 25TH AUGUST 2009 - 12.30 PM

AND

WHERE: ARARAT WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL, KNEEBONE STREET, ARARAT
WHEN: 25TH AUGUST 2009 – 2.00 PM

*1.5 million estimate provided by Diabetes Australia

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