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Support, Information and a Voice for the Type 1 Community

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Well, we don't normally announce our Seed Award winner in December, but due to some timing issues, here is your two-in-one edition of Yada Yada: happy Christmas and new year wishes to everyone, and congratulations to Donna Meads-Barlow, our 2015 winner!

Seed Award Winner for 2015

Many of our readers would already know about Donna Meads-Barlow and the Danii Foundation, in part because of Donna's tireless advocacy work to make continuous glucose monitoring more accessible for people with type 1.

Donna's motivation springs from her love of her beautiful daughter, Danii, who lost her life at the age of only seventeen after going to bed and having an overnight hypo - she didn't wake up. Donna and her husband Brian set up the Danii Meads-Barlow Foundation, whose mission is "to raise funds to lobby industry and government to introduce latest technologies, at an affordable price, that assist in the management of type 1 diabetes. The specific objective is to complement the management of the disease by way of affordable alarm systems enabling carers to be alerted to anomalies in blood glucose levels to prevent life threatening hypoglycaemia or hyperglycaemia.

"Donations made to the Danii Meads-Barlow Foundation will help us in our Mission to see all type 1 children are equipped with this technology."

The Danii Foundation already provides families with two week free trials on Continuous Monitoring therapy, and has introduced Australian families to Nightscout technology, a non-invasion modern wristwatch-like device that actively monitors highs and lows. They are currently lobbying the government for subsidies for continuous glucose monitoring systems.



About the Seed Award...

In recognition of the critical role that Melinda has Seed (a founding director, long-time treasurer and forum moderator) played in the development of our organisation over many years, The Type 1 Diabetes Network instigated 'The Seed Award' in 2010.

The Seed Award goes to an individual or group that has:

- provided support, information and/or a voice for the Type 1 community;
- demonstrated initiative and intelligence in their endeavours; and
- been committed to the principle that people living with Type 1 diabetes can and should have a voice in the decisions that affect our lives.

Donna joins a list of wonderful and powerful people in the type 1 community who have won the Seed Award: Cheryl Steele, Helen Edwards, HypoActive, and Kim Henshaw. You can read more about the award and about each winner here:

<http://t1dn.org.au/our-stuff/recommendations-and-awards/seed-award/>

Winners receive a cash prize and a certificate of appreciation. One of Donna's nominees said: "Donna has done an outstanding job of promoting the cause of type 1 diabetes and for her advocacy and fundraising efforts to

make CGM available to all young people with type 1 diabetes." And we agree! Congratulations Donna on winning this award and we offer all our best wishes and support to the Danii Foundation in achieving its mission.

www.danii.org.au

Thanks for reading, and don't forget you can always send us your feedback and comments by replying to this email or commenting on our [Facebook page](#). Have a wonderful summer holiday, and we'll see you next year!!

***From everyone at
The Type 1 Diabetes Network***

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