

Meet our community fundraisers

AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR FUNDRAISING activities is carried out by community fundraisers.

Arden Anglican Primary School at Beecroft holds an annual fundraising event and this year, Grade 5 teacher James Giovanelli wanted to raise diabetes awareness with the students.

So on 17 October, the school hosted a mini-Olympics to raise funds for Diabetes Australia-NSW and promote healthy living. Through tug-of-war, basketball, relay races and many other games, the students were taught how an active lifestyle can help lower their risk of type 2 diabetes in the future.

Mr Giovanelli also made a



presentation at the school assembly on healthy living and how type 2 diabetes can be prevented.

With each of its 450 students giving a small donation, the school raised almost \$700.

Another community fundraiser is the Australian Federation of International Forwarders (AFIF), which held its annual charity golf day on 18 August at Macquarie Links Golf Course to raise a target \$18,000 for Diabetes Australia-NSW.

But with over 150 guests and numerous auctions, raffles, sponsorship and team registrations, AFIF exceeded expectations and raised \$23,000.

AFIF CEO, Brian Lovell, was thrilled with the results. "This is the best turnout we have had of all of our golf days so far," he said.

Special guests on the day included former NRL star, Lance Thompson, who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes last year. Lance shared his experiences of living with diabetes, before Diabetes Australia-NSW



(L-R) Joel, Kurt and Daniel Peychers. Kurt has type 1 diabetes. (Below left) The Arden Anglican Mini-Olympics.

CEO, Liz Peers explained how our organisation helps Lance and the tens of thousands like him.

Former AFIF employee, Simone Peychers and her husband Michael were the main reason AFIF chose Diabetes Australia-NSW; their son Kurt was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at age three just a year ago.

"Every year we choose a charity, however this one is actually very close to our heart with one of our own being affected," said Mr Lovell. "Simone and her family have been through so much and this is the least we can do to help." ▲