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Walk for Wings takes flight to help impacted Tasmanians

LAST month walkers gathered in Bellerive to help raise funds and awareness for Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) at Tasmania's first Walk for Wings event.

EB is a rare skin disease that causes the skin to blister or peel at the slightest touch.

For some, living with the disease means that they must be bandaged every day with dressings to protect their wounds. For more severe cases, living with EB has been likened to living with third degree burns.

Walk for Wings was held in seven locations around the country on Sunday 23 October, including Bellerive.

Event organiser M'Lynda Stubbs said the Walk for Wings event allowed families

to come together to share their stories about EB and meet other families impacted by the condition.

"It was also an opportunity to show support and acknowledge families who had lost loved ones or who are battling the disease every day," she said.

Funds raised on the day were donated to DEBRA Australia, a not-for-profit organisation that works to improve the lives of children and adults living with EB.

DEBRA Australia focuses on providing necessary support services, medical supplies, aids and equipment, assistance with transition to independent living and research focusing on different aspects of EB.



Emily Hunt and Will Lonergan at the Walk for Wings event



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EB supporters preparing to walk 5kms for the Walk for Wings event