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Media Statement

PERTH ARTIST'S EXHIBIT TO SUPPORT WA DIABETES RESEARCH

With her granddaughter diagnosed with type 1 diabetes as a toddler, Perth artist Norah Murphy has long been inspired to give to West Australian diabetes research.

The Cottesloe resident has donated to Diabetes Research WA since 2010 – and each month since November 2014 – and is now boosting her support for the organisation by hosting a fundraising art exhibition in Peppermint Grove in June.

She will showcase more than a dozen original sketches and paintings created in her studios in Fremantle and at her home.

“It’s so important to find a cure for diabetes and highlight the plight of little ones getting diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, like my granddaughter Georgia was at the age of 2,” said Ms Murphy, who also has a family member impacted by type 2 diabetes.

Of her regular donations to diabetes research, Ms Murphy said: “It’s just a little something every month – I never even miss the money.”

Diabetes Research WA executive director Sherl Westlund thanked Ms Murphy for her long-time support.

“Norah’s dedication to the cause of helping WA researchers discover breakthroughs that positively impact the life of those living with diabetes is inspiring,” she said.

“It’s wonderful to see her merge her artistic passion with her desire to give back to diabetes research and support our new Create.Connect.Contribute initiative, which encourages people to fundraise for our cause through their creative endeavours, whether that be painting, cooking, photography – anything really.”

Ms Murphy’s exhibition will run from Wednesday June 16 to 27 at The Grove Library during library opening hours.

Part proceeds of the event will be channelled into Diabetes Research WA charity’s 2022 Research Grants, which will be announced in November this year.

The Grove Library is at 1 Leake St, Peppermint Grove.

Find out more at diabetesresearchwa.com.au.

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