

The Eye-Con Run



7 MARATHONS IN 7 DAYS - PUTTING SIGHT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

We are lucky with today's rapidly advancing science that the gift of sight can be restored to many with vision impairments.

For sufferers of Retinitis Pigmentosa, however, the loss of sight is permanent and untreatable. This rare and hereditary eye condition leads to deterioration of the retina and can result in limited vision or blindness.

The reality of living with Retinitis Pigmentosa is that once detected, these Australians must cope with everyday life while seeing the world slowly fade from their eyes.

These ordinary people face the extraordinary task of living with permanent vision impairment whilst working towards and succeeding at their goals.

The Eye-Con Run seeks to place this condition in the public eye, so we see that in helping people cope with Retinitis Pigmentosa, there is hope for their future.

From March 16th – March 25th 2012, Dr Terry Diamond will be running solo over seven days covering 294km of Australia.

The Eye-Con Run is a massive undertaking which mirrors the tough journey sufferers of Retinitis Pigmentosa face everyday throughout their lives.

An Associate Professor of Endocrinology and Metabolic Bone disease, Terry Diamond (age 56) will be running a marathon (42 km) a day for seven days, passing seven Icons of Australia which will include - Central Australia (Uluru), Perth (Freemantle Beach), Adelaide (Barossa Valley), Melbourne (Great Ocean Road), Canberra (Lake Burley Griffin), Gold Coast (Gold Coast Beaches) and Sydney (Bondi Beach)

Proceeds from this run will be used to set up a stem cell research program for sufferers of Retinitis Pigmentosa, hoping to achieve a therapeutic goal of restoring 20-20 vision in these individuals by 2020.

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