

# Media Release

## Telehealth Project Provides TLC to Ipswich

On Wednesday 4 February 2009, Queensland Health Minister, Stephen Robertson launched the Ipswich based Telehealth Lifestyle Coordination (TLC) Project to State Member for Ipswich, Wayne Wendt, State Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan and a large audience of dignitaries, industry bodies and professionals.

The TLC Project is an 18 month long pilot that will use Tunstall's telehealth to monitor and manage patients living with chronic disease, from the comfort of their own home.

Provided and supported by local community group Ipswich Community Aid and Tunstall Healthcare, the project aims to demonstrate that telehealth can shift the focus of care out the hospital and into the home.

Telehealth allows patients who don't need constant supervision to maintain as normal a life as possible while managing their illness.

Mr Robertson has shown ongoing support for the use of telehealth.

"The benefit of telehealth services lies in removing physical and social distances between health professionals and patients without affecting the quality of care provided," Mr Robertson said.

"This project is an approach we can learn from to deliver to Queenslanders improved and expanded health services"

Local participants in the TLC project, Billie and Arthur became celebrities on the day, talking to the media about their conditions and what they hope participating in the TLC project will do for them.

The TLC Project will run for 18 months and monitor approximately 100 patients during this time.

To find out more about the TLC Project visit [www.tlcproject.com.au](http://www.tlcproject.com.au). To become involved call Ipswich Community Aid on 07 3812 3437.

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