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## **Local MLA Kicks Off Doorknock Appeal**

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton today kicked-started the Heart Foundation's Doorknock Appeal with a personal donation and urged all local residents to get behind the campaign.

"I was shocked to learn that heart disease is the single leading cause of death for both men and women in Australia, killing one Australian every 22 minutes," said Dr Nahan.

"I realized that by making a donation, I could be helping someone close to me or in the local community. I'm urging everyone to please dig deep because the Heart Foundation is an independent charity that funds world-class research and it promotes community projects to improve awareness, prevention and treatment of strokes and heart disease."

Dr Nahan said most of the Heart Foundation's funding comes from donations from the public and is essential to help reduce the suffering and death caused by heart disease in Australia.

"During September, more than 110,000 volunteers across Australia will be doorknocking to help raise money for this worthy cause. Nationally, the Heart Foundation will invest up to \$13 million this year in cardiovascular research and the money that you donate to this Appeal will help the Heart Foundation to continue to fund this vital research."

Donations of \$2 and over are tax-deductible. Donations can also be made by credit card directly with the Heart Foundation Doorknock Hotline on 1800 552 255 or by visiting [www.heartfoundation.org.au/doorknock](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/doorknock).

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