

# Tania

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### Biography

*Love* Has No Limits

Tania Hayes lives on the South Coast of New South Wales and became a Carer at twenty-two when her fiancé, Warren, was diagnosed with a life threatening brain tumour.

From the moment Warren fell sick, Tania gave up her life to be by his side. Together they faced an agonising series of medical battles, mishaps and close calls as Warren was hospitalised for a total of 446 days. During that time Warren endured twenty operations, suffered from infected brain shunts, fungal and bacterial meningitis, golden staph, pneumonia, a deep vein thrombosis blood clot and spasmodic breathing which saw him rushed back onto life support. On more than one occasion Tania was advised that Warren would never breathe independently again, and was urged by doctors to end his life by switching off his life support. However, Tania refused to give up.

Towards the end of Warren's long illness, Tania ignored the doctor's recommendation that Warren should be put in a nursing home and decided to take him home and became his fulltime Carer. She was only twenty-four years old.

For the past twelve years Tania has devoted her life to rehabilitating Warren – helping him to learn to talk, eat and move once more. Even though Warren is still fully dependant on Tania and lives a life in a wheelchair, they have slowly rebuilt their lives. All their struggle and sacrifice came to fruition when they were finally able to get married, and they now have a beautiful four year old son named Josh.

Despite the suffering and darkness in her past, Tania has remained positive and optimistic for the future. She continues to put her energy into her family and has



become a strong advocate for carers and the disabled across Australia. She is regularly called on as a professional speaker, sharing her amazing life journey throughout the country. Tania is the official Carer Ambassador for Carers Australia, a Carer Representative for Carers New South Wales and the author of 'Love Has No Limits', a gripping biography published in 2008 by Harlequin Enterprises (Australia) Pty Ltd.

It is Tania's ambition in life to transform her own experiences of suffering and hardship into a positive force by teaching the world that no matter what happens to you in life, with love on your side, nothing is ever impossible.

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