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TB 'Shack' comes to Parliament House.

Tuberculosis (TB), often thought of as a disease of the past, kills two million people each year and is the subject of a unique exhibition launched at Parliament House Canberra today.

The Shack and Dialogues – Understanding Tuberculosis by South African Damien Schumann, is an intimate and personal photographic exhibition housed inside an authentically furnished 'shack' of the type found in a Cape Town township.

The exhibition aims to immerse politicians and visitors in the lives of people with TB as well as draw attention to the facts around the disease in the lead-up to World TB Day on March 24.

Schumann, the twenty six year old creator of *The Shack* says "It's easy to remove yourself from the problem of TB when it doesn't directly affect you but a walk through *The Shack* makes it harder to hide from the realities of the disease. It places you in the world of a person living with TB."

The exhibition is hosted by anti poverty advocacy group RESULTS Australia. National Manager Maree Nutt says, "TB is a disease born mostly out of poverty. It is easily spread by coughing or sneezing in a crowded house just like *The Shack*. We hope that every federal parliamentarian will make the time to visit this very moving exhibition."

The Hon. Bob McMullan MP, Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance, opened the exhibition in Parliament House this morning.

The Shack and Dialogues – Understanding Tuberculosis was first opened in 2006 by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, himself a former TB sufferer. Following exhibitions across South Africa it has toured through Europe, and will next move to Mexico.

The exhibition, sponsored by the Australian Government's international development assistance agency, AusAID, will conclude at Parliament House on 19 March.

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