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## CEO and Chairman's View

It was a great honour that Goodwill Engineering was recently chosen as the setting for Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Premier Colin Barnett's signing of the agreement to implement the dual trialling of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and the My Way Program.

We witnessed great political courage in the signing of this agreement that is more in line with the needs and aspirations of people with disability and their families here in WA.

The Centre has always been a strong supporter of trialling both programs as we truly believe this will provide more opportunities and greater choice to service users and their families.

The trial site of the NDIS will be established in the Perth Hills area, alongside trial sites for the state's My Way program in the Lower South West region and Cockburn/Kwinana regions.



Judy Hogben  
CEO



Rob McDonald  
Chairman

Trialling and evaluating both My Way and NDIS will be crucial to ensuring the final scheme is built on strong foundations and key lessons taken from both trials. We look forward to this decision resulting in the best possible way to deliver better outcomes to people with disability and their families.

## The Centre Welcomes New Board Member

The Centre was recently pleased to announce the appointment of Kellie Hasluck as The Centre's latest member of the Board of Directors.

Kellie has provided Western Australian businesses with communications advice for nearly 20 years, 13 of which have been as a founder and Director of Clarity



Kellie Hasluck

Communications, one of Perth's leading corporate communications consultancies. She now provides coaching and mentoring services to executives within major companies in the resources, engineering and financial services and not for profit sectors.

Clients benefit from her honest and supportive feedback in order to reach their career and business goals. Kellie is an experienced public relations practitioner undertaking strategic planning, community consultation, media relations, and internal communications for large national and international organisations. Among the clients Kellie has worked with are Telstra, Rio Tinto,

European Space Agency and AMP.

The Centre's CEO Judy Hogben said the Board's ongoing focus on ensuring that a wide range of skills, knowledge and experience across numerous sectors are represented on the Board will further support the growth, development and governance of the organisation.

"Kellie's considerable experience in all aspects of communications makes her an invaluable addition to our Board, especially as the organisation prepares to begin a significant rebranding process."

"The Centre welcomes Kellie to our organisation, and look forward to working with her as we move into a new and exciting chapter."

## 2014 Disability Support Worker Awards

More than 490 people attended the 2014 Disability Support Worker Awards gala dinner on Saturday 15 March 2014 at Crown Perth where disability support workers were acknowledged for the outstanding contributions and the role they play in the lives of people with disability and their families.

Now in its sixth year, the event continues to recognise the valuable role of support workers in promoting the quality of life and inclusion of people with disability in Western Australia.

There is so much change happening within the world of people with disability at the moment as Western Australia is poised to launch two trial sites of the NDIS. The Disability Support Worker Awards are no exception and the judging process reflects the new environment to which we are moving.

Over 100 nominations were received for the 2014 Awards. Four of The Centre's five entrants were selected as finalists for the seven categories.

**Supported Living Award** - Rhiannon Cox  
**Community Living Award** - Lance Kunzli  
**Disability Services Award** - Kylie Marchant  
**Emerging Leader Award** - Lara Cameron



Shirley Mahasaputra, one of The Centre's Family Support Workers was also a highly regarded nominee.

The Centre's CEO Judy Hogben said the Awards are a wonderful way of recognising the positive contribution support workers make on a daily basis to individuals and families.



“ We are proud to have our support workers recognised for going above and beyond their role and we thank them for their commitment to enriching the lives of our service users. ”

“Simply being nominated demonstrates the esteem in which support workers are held by the individuals they support, the families who love and care for those individuals and their peers.”

The Centre is incredibly thankful for the positive and profound work undertaken by our finalists and indeed, of the work done by all of The Centre's support workers.



Kylie Marchant



Lance Kunzli



Rhiannon Cox



Lara Cameron

## The Centre Hosts Signing of Historic Agreement

The Centre for Cerebral Palsy recently provided the backdrop for the signing of a historic agreement between the Commonwealth and State Governments that provides the foundation for the trial of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in Western Australia.

The signing was held during a tour of The Centre's Goodwill Engineering where Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Premier Colin Barnett met with Goodwill's staff and employees.

The Centre for Cerebral Palsy's CEO Judy Hogben said the signing was a historic and transformational event that had required great leadership from both the Commonwealth and State Governments.

*"The significance of a NDIS on the lives and needs of people with disability meant that caution and time needed to be taken to get this right," Ms Hogben said.*

“ People with disability in Western Australia can now look forward to real choice as a result of the Commonwealth and State Government's decision to trial both the My Way and NDIS programs here in WA Ms Hogben said. ”

*"I thank the Prime Minister and the Premier for their courage and will to listen, to be flexible, and to adopt the dual trial methodology of both programs here in WA."*

The Centre for Cerebral Palsy is one of the largest disability service providers in Western Australia, providing advocacy and support to people with a disability since 1951.



Prime Minister Tony Abbott with CEO Judy Hogben and General Manager Employment Services Phil Pitchers touring Goodwill Engineering



CEO Judy Hogben and Premier Colin Barnett



Prime Minister Tony Abbott with Goodwill Engineering employee Phil



Prime Minister Tony Abbott with employees and staff of Create Employment and Goodwill Engineering

## Sailing Knot a Challenge for Natalie

Natalie has spent her summer sailing the "high seas" at the Royal Perth Yacht Club.

Thanks to The Centre's Community Access and Recreation Team along with Sailability, Natalie climbed aboard the specially designed Hansa Dinghy every Sunday for an enjoyable morning of sailing.

Second officer Natalie joined an experienced skipper where she

assisted and participated in sailing the boat in open water.

The Centre's Community Access and Recreation Program Coordinator Lucy Pearson said assisted sailing was a fantastic way for Natalie to participate in such an enjoyable and inclusive sport.

"Natalie gets a kick out of helping the skipper and contributing to sailing the boat."



## Hidden Gems at Curtin Marketplace



Robyn and Natala have expanded their passion for crafts into a career by each starting up their own accessories business.

Robyn and Natala have limited movement, but with the help of dedicated volunteers, the ladies produce quality products which they later sell. Robyn, who operates under "Robyn's Beautiful Beads", makes one-of-a-kind, beaded jewellery

while Natala's "Natala's Creations" business makes fabulous jewellery and handbags.

The talented pair take it in turns showcasing their jewellery at Curtin's Under the Pines Marketplace.

For more information on when you can head down to the Marketplace, visit their website at [www.marketsunderthepines.com.au](http://www.marketsunderthepines.com.au)

## Good Vibrations at Leighton

The Community Access and Recreation team have wrapped up another successful season of surfing.

Perth turned on fantastic weather throughout the summer as The Centre's surfers took to Leighton Beach once a month.

Thanks to Disability Surfing Australia and volunteers from Aquinas College, the Community Access and Recreation Team made participation in one of Australia's favourite past times a reality for eight service users.

The experienced squad of Joel, Chris, Peter, Mathew, Jenny and Justin welcomed newbies Sam and Amanda into this year's program with open but sandy arms. Through the inspiring efforts of everyone involved, our surfers took to the waves and surfed like pros.

Boards were returned to their racks and the wax scraped off, marking the end of another sun-kissed season of surfing. Disability Surfing Australia hosted a windup where participants were each given a goodie bag packed with surf essentials such as branded rash vests, bathers, caps and vouchers.



## A Short Walk for a Big Cause

A pride of purple lions descended over Yokine Reserve recently as walkers turned out for the Walk for an Aussie Kid!



Dockers fan Heidi with her mum Hazel and Colin Sylvia

Excited by Dockers' Colin Sylvia's attendance, mini Dockers were out in force donning painted lion faces to show their support for The Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation's event.

More than 60 participants soaked up the warm autumn sun and walked either the 1.5km or 2.5 km course to encourage social inclusion and awareness of children with disability.

The main attraction of the day, Colin Sylvia, got the event underway while 6PR's Steve Mills commented and interviewed some of our fast finishers, enhancing the overall atmosphere of the event.

Proceeds from the event - more than \$3000 - will go towards purchasing walking aids for some very deserving children.



Ella and Nathaniel walking for a good cause



## Telethon

Telethon 2013 raised \$20.7 million for children, the largest amount yet in its 47 years. The Centre for Cerebral Palsy is privileged to be one of the 41 organisations that will be supported by the generous public's donations.

At the event announcing the beneficiaries of last year's record-breaking Telethon, Emily and Reese Prior accepted the donation on behalf of The Centre.

# Welcome Home Campaign Update

## CP Tech Opening

The newly redeveloped Brian North House has been officially opened in what marks the completion of an exciting growth chapter for CP Tech.

After outgrowing its original premises in 2013, The Centre moved the CP Tech workshop to Malaga to provide a larger, more purpose built facility. To accommodate for growing demand, Brian North House was refurbished and CP Tech is now able to operate over two locations.

Brian North House is now the hub for continuing CP Tech's outstanding clinical assessment and fitting practices. The refurbished fitting

rooms are larger and feature a fresh and modern design, while the comfortable waiting areas offer tea and coffee facilities, complete with a functional play area. CP Tech's Malaga Workshop will remain the landmark home of progressive design and equipment fabrication and modification.

By offering CP Tech clinical services at Brian North House, and fabrication and modification services at the Malaga Workshop, CP Tech has the space and

resources available to better excel in each area of the business.

CP Tech is confident this exciting expansion will strengthen the organisation's position as a leader in the prescription, manufacture and modification of customised equipment.

## Welcome Home Campaign

Building a real home, creating real choices



## Cassia Lifestyle Village



Major construction on the Cassia Lifestyle Village is now finished with the final touches being added in anticipation of moving day. The new village which will be home to 25 people across five architecturally designed homes is due to open in the coming weeks.

In addition to state of the art features such as individual climate controlled bedrooms, motorised window furnishings and personal courtyards, each home will also feature a designer's touch JUO, a Perth-based boutique building and interior design practice lead by internationally awarded building designer Kerry Jacobs and interior designer Simon Jacobs, have donated their time and expertise to the interior design of the central living areas in each of the five homes.

A major feature of the new village is the Community Garden, which will boast raised garden beds and

accessible garden benches to enable gardeners of all abilities to participate in the garden. It will also house native plants, sensory specific plantings and produce for use in cooking homemade meals.

Gladys Newton School's Cadet Group and the Opportunities' Alternatives to Employment Program will assist in maintaining the garden, however it will be community support that will enable the garden to continue to flourish. If you wish to be involved please call Renay Lambert at The Centre on 9443 0342 to discuss your possible involvement.

## Currambine Hub

The Centre's northern hub is set to open this month in Currambine. This modern, fully equipped facility will be the new home to a team of 30 staff including therapists, a community inclusion worker and a hub coordinator and manger.

The Currambine Hub was established

after The Centre identified the need to extend its services to the northern region and give service users better access to therapy programs.

The opening of the Currambine Hub marks the beginning of The Centre's regional service delivery model. The Centre is currently exploring options to expand into other areas around Perth to service the wider community.



Currambine Hub Manager Melissa outside the new facility



This year's Charity Golf Day will be held once again at the prestigious Mount Lawley Golf Club on Friday 3 October and promises to be bigger and better than ever.



To register your interest in entering a team, or to become a sponsor of this year's event, send an email to [events@tccp.com.au](mailto:events@tccp.com.au)

More information and registration packs will be available in June at [www.tccp.com.au](http://www.tccp.com.au)

## Celebrating our Volunteers

Pat Troy's volunteering has directly helped improve the quality of life for thousands of children and adults with cerebral palsy. Pat has been volunteering at The Centre for around 20 years in the division of CP Tech. He volunteers two days a week at the workshop, and contributes to the maintenance of the equipment and fabrication process as well as the general running of the workshop.

Pat's approach is to assist in any way he can, knowing that a well-functioning and highly productive team is a key factor in quality and individually crafted aids and equipment. Pat can, and will, do anything and everything from picking up a broom to dismantling items to ensure that parts are recycled. Nothing is too hard for Pat. He always has a smile and a joke and is

incredibly helpful. Pat is an important part of the CP Tech team. He is "part of the furniture" and helps make CP Tech run smoothly and efficiently.

Volunteers play a vital role for The Centre, from giving their time on an ongoing basis like Pat, to volunteering through their company to do a busy bee or makeover. We really appreciate any and all help.

We also have some amazing individuals who have volunteered their time and expertise to fundraise on our behalf. Last year we had the Ironbros who undertook the Melbourne Ironman and our Ultra-marathon runner, Marc Simpkins.

You don't have to be an athlete to help with fundraising though – you can Challenge Yourself in many different ways. Join our team in the City to Surf, or perhaps doing a zipwire or abseil is more your style or even a sponsored free dress day at school or work.



There are so many ways to get involved – just contact Hazel Grunwaldt on 9443 0337 or [hazel.grunwaldt@tccp.com.au](mailto:hazel.grunwaldt@tccp.com.au) for more details.

## Chevron City to Surf for Activ



Celebrating 40 Years of one of WA's largest fundraising events. Founded in 1975, the Chevron City to Surf for Activ is Western Australia's largest community sporting event.

Are you or someone you know thinking of participating in this year's Chevron City to Surf marathon, half marathon, 12km or 4km event? The Centre for Cerebral Palsy wants to join your team!

Choose to partner with The Centre for Cerebral Palsy and the money raised will allow us to continue to provide quality, innovative services and support for children, teenagers and adults with disability and their families.

It's really easy – just set up a fundraising page upon entering and select The Centre for Cerebral Palsy as your charity of choice. The Centre will send you running tips, and

participants who raise more than \$150 for The Centre will receive a free running shirt.

With events in Karratha, Geraldton, Perth, Busselton and Albany everyone can participate in this iconic fun run.



## Whose *Wish* could you make come true?

Your donation large or small WILL help us make these **LIFE CHANGING WISHES** come true.



In Australia, it is estimated that a child is born with cerebral palsy every 15 hours. Our Equipment Sponsorship Program is one of the many ways that you can work with us to help make a positive difference to children, teenagers and adults with cerebral palsy (CP) and other disabilities.

### Adam and Imran need a pergola for their home in Balcatta - \$5,500.

Adam and Imran wish to live as independently as possible. They love entertaining family and friends at their Balcatta home and often sit outside in the backyard. They wish to renovate the entire area and install a barbeque and a pergola to provide shelter from the rain.

### Michelle from Rivervale needs a G2 folding manual wheelchair - \$1,964.

A G2 folding wheelchair will enable Michelle to enjoy outings to the movies, shops and appointments on a more frequent basis, without the restriction of scheduling the use of a wheelchair accessible van.

### Chris from Westminster needs a Low Rider Personal Activity Vehicle - \$3,487 and a modified light weight trailer to transport the Low Rider Cycle - \$1,650.

The Low Rider Personal Activity Vehicle is an adult sized recumbent trike with padded high back and low profile for easy mounting and dismounting. It also incorporates arm rests which will ensure safety for Chris' hemiparetic arm. Chris has been an avid cyclist in the past but due to difficulties with balance and muscle strength and range Chris is no longer able to ride a standard bicycle safely.

### The Centre for Cerebral Palsy's Stepping Out Clinic need a selection of walking aids for loans and/or trials - \$2,610.

The Stepping Out Clinic need height adjustable walking sticks, elbow crutches, wheeled Zimmer Frames, Zimmer Frame, a four wheeled heavy duty walker and a walking frame with forearm supports. This equipment will be used on a regular basis as part of the gait

analysis program. It will also be used by therapists for trial or loan for service users.

### Lucinda from Broome needs a WalkAide® - \$4,950.

A WalkAide® will give nine year old Lucinda the freedom to walk, run and play without the restrictions of an ankle foot orthosis (AFO). The WalkAide® will stimulate Lucinda's muscles helping her to walk better without a foot drop, reducing her risk of tripping and falling.

### Emma from Canningvale needs a WalkAide® - \$4,950.

17 year old Emma currently wears an ankle foot orthosis (AFO) that provides a supported foot position during walking. A WalkAide® will provide Emma with a discrete alternative that will allow muscle training and strengthening through electrical impulses and enable her to walk without tripping.

For a full list of outstanding items on our Wish List or for further information please contact Hazel Grunwaldt, Executive Manager Corporate and Strategic Relations on (08) 9443 0337 or [hazel.grunwaldt@tccp.com.au](mailto:hazel.grunwaldt@tccp.com.au)

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## A Van to Deliver the Benefits of Sleep

For parents and carers of children with severe disabilities, a good night's sleep is vital to be able to cope with the physical demands of daily care. Sleep also affects a child's growth and development, as well as their general health, making it especially important for children with disability.

### Unfortunately, getting a good night's sleep isn't always easy.

Depending on the disability, restricted movement and limited physical control can make night-long comfort and breathing difficult. Often children with disabilities wake many times during the night, and need help before they can get back to sleep.

Our Sleep Solutions team offers clinical support to help with the management of sleep difficulties, and also provide postural support aides, to give comfort and support as needed. **Our current fundraising appeal hopes to raise enough money to purchase a new van for our team, as well as to upgrade our equipment.**

This important service is currently being run out of our therapists' car, and we are struggling to cope with demand. To help many more families who so desperately need their sleep, we urgently need to purchase a van, which will make the service more efficient; our equipment is also in need of replacement.

Natalie—whose six-year-old son Cameron has spastic quadriplegia (a type of cerebral palsy) and also epilepsy—understands the value of a good night's rest.

In August last year, Cameron had an operation to insert metal plates into his hips, which were dislocating. Natalie wasn't expecting the major disruption this caused to Cameron's sleep: *"It's fair to say I haven't had a good night's sleep since last August. Cameron can sometimes wake up to 15 times in a night, and when he does he is hysterical!"*

Cameron's recovery from the operation had limited his ability to reposition himself. When he moved during the night, he found himself pressing on his recovering hips. **The pain would wake him, and, unable to move himself, he became very upset.**

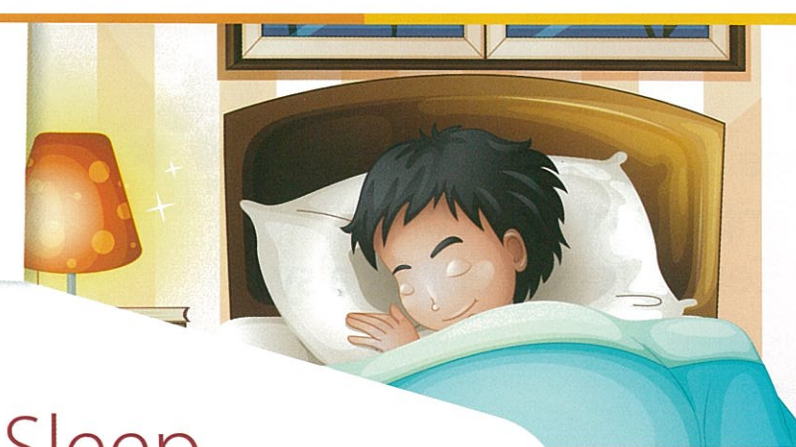
Support aides, extra cushioning and special bedding, really can make all the difference. **As Natalie explains: "The Sleep Solutions team has been fantastic."**

*"They provided us with an underlay to take some of the pressure off, and they have also fitted Cameron with latex pillows that are shaped in a way to keep his legs well positioned. Their help and their advice have been priceless."*

For Cameron, the comfort and support he has received has taken away much of the pressure and pain that he was experiencing nightly, before the Sleep Solutions team was able to tailor a unique bedding solution to his body.

By supporting our current appeal, you will be helping us raise much-needed funds—so we can upgrade our equipment and provide a wider range of support services for children like Cameron.

To find out more about our Sleep Solutions team, or to donate to our current appeal, call us on 08 9443 0230.



Cameron



Cameron and his Narnie.



Cameron and his mum, Natalie.

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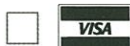
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