



(L-R) The Centre's General Manager Therapy Services, Sean Loke, with Beth and representatives from the Point Walter Ladies' Golf Club



(L-R) The Langford family thanks Mrs Hopkins for her generosity

MEDIA RELEASE

Beth's Challenge to help others with CP walk tall

Year three student Beth from Woodvale, with the help of her family, school, and the wider community has taken on the challenge to raise funds for The Centre for Cerebral Palsy's Wheelie Big Challenge.

The Wheelie Big Challenge is an Annual event designed to Champion people living with cerebral palsy (CP) and to raise funds for special projects at The Centre for Cerebral Palsy (The Centre).

Beth's Challenge is to help fund specialised equipment from The Centre's Equipment Sponsorship Wish List like leading edge Walkaides.

This amazing new technology has an electrical muscle stimulator which is worn around the lower leg to help the child lift their foot as they walk. As a result children can walk more efficiently with less trips and falls.

The type of CP Beth has is called Hemiplegia. It means that one side of her body is affected, with weakness in some muscles and tightness in others. The Walkaide gives Beth the ability to walk independently with the support she needs.

The Centre's Business Development Manager, Kathy Kane, says "Over the past decade, new technology has had a huge impact on the quality of life of people with CP. However, this technology can be very expensive and beyond the reach of most families."

"This is why we commend Beth and her family for working with the local community groups like Point Walter Ladies Golf Club who have been supporting kids with CP like Beth since 1995 and long time supporters like Mrs Hopkins from Booragoon who jointly funded Beth's Walkaide and have been supporting kids with CP for over 15 years".

To find out more about Beth's Challenge and to make a donation towards The Centre's Equipment Sponsorship Programme and to keep kids with CP walking tall please visit www.wheeliebigchallenge.com.au and follow the link to [Beth's webpage](#).

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FACTS ABOUT CEREBRAL PALSY

- *CP is a permanent physical condition that affects movement.*
- *In Australia a child is born with CP every 18 hours.*
- *Australians under 18 are three times more likely to be diagnosed with cerebral palsy than cancer.*
- *There is no pre-birth test, no known cure and severity is on the increase.*
- *For most the cause of CP is unknown.*
- *CP is not a disease, it is not contagious.*
- *CP can be as mild as just a weakness in one hand ranging to almost complete lack of movement.*
- *Since 1951 The Cerebral Palsy Association has forged an enviable reputation as one of the leading disability service providers in WA. In line with the outstanding work we do in the area of CP management and support to those with disability, on 13 March 2007 we adopted a new name The Centre for Cerebral Palsy and colourful new logo.*