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MEDIA RELEASE

CP No Barrier to Travelling Family

Jeremy, a 9-year-old with cerebral palsy, and his family are set to embark on an inspirational adventure around Australia in a customised caravan designed to cater for Jeremy's high needs.

Jeremy suffered from pneumococcal meningitis and is partially deaf and blind, brain-damaged and has spastic quadriplegia. He has suffered from multiple chest infections over the past 3 years. Despite these challenges, his parents feel they should not be a reason to limit his experiences.

The Centre for Cerebral Palsy (The Centre) has provided Jeremy and his family with support and services for three years. CP Tech, The Centre's innovative arm, assisted the Netherways in their preparation for the caravan trip by designing a custom-built foam insert for Jeremy's stroller. This especially designed insert will ensure Jeremy is correctly positioned during the trip.

Mr and Mrs Netherway designed the caravan to provide Jeremy with the facilities he will need, and to allow off-road travel into remote areas. The 18ft caravan sleeps six and is customised to include oxygen cylinders, a shelf for the VPAP machine which he uses to improve his breathing, air conditioning to help regulate his temperature, and an internal shower to ensure he can be safely washed.

The Netherways also had a backpack carrier modified so that they can take Jeremy through gorges and other rugged terrain where a wheelchair is not viable. They will take a satellite phone to contact The Flying Doctors 'should things get critical' in remote areas.

Mrs Netherway says the family decided to go on this trip because, "in reality we don't really know how much longer Jeremy will be well enough to travel and want to give him the experience while he still can."

They are set to depart early next week, and will focus on the Kimberley, Northern Territory, Cape York and Queensland coast. His parents look forward to this inspirational journey with their much loved son Jeremy and his three siblings.

For updates on the Netherways journey or to find out more on the innovative services CP Tech can offer please visit www.tccp.com.au

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Mrs Netherway is available for interviews.

Photo opportunity: The Netherway Family preparing for their caravan trip
Please contact Elisha Moran to arrange an appointment

Tour of CP Tech Workshop: be inspired and arrange a guided tour of CP Tech's workshop The Centre's Innovative arm that has a large range of leading edge designs to help kids like Jeremy.

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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.*