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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **New Leadership at The Centre**

The Centre for Cerebral Palsy Board of Directors is pleased to announce Ms Judy Hogben's appointment as The Centre's Chief Executive Officer.

Ms Hogben has worked at The Centre on secondment from State Government since March of this year and during this period she has worked closely with the Board and Executive to bring about change in key areas such as:

- Board and organisational capacity
- Governance
- Accountability
- Practice quality
- Culture and
- Ways of working - internally and externally

Judy has over 30 years experience working in human service delivery with seniors, families, children and young people including the area of protection and care of children. Ms Hogben has held senior executive positions within the State Public Service, all of which have focused on improving the quality care and service delivery to vulnerable individuals, families and children, including residential care.

Keith Chapman, Chairman of the Board says, "The Board is delighted that Ms Hogben has accepted this position and is looking forward to working with her to continue The Centre's long term commitment to people with cerebral palsy in Western Australia. The Centre's focus on excellence will continue with the capable leadership of Ms Hogben".

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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.*