

COMMUNITY WHEELCHAIR CHALLENGE

The aim of the Wheelchair Challenge is to raise much needed funds to support the important work we do in providing social, recreational and sporting opportunities for people with disabilities.

Research shows there is a 30% participation gap in sport, recreation and social programs between people with a physical disability and their able bodied peers. Our aim is to narrow this gap. We want children and adults with a physical disability to have the same opportunities as their able bodied peers. Having a disability should not impact on your ability to lead a full and happy life.

THE CHALLENGE

The Wheelchair Challenge is an event which challenges people to spend just one day of their life in a wheelchair.

The main aims of the Wheelchair Challenge are to:

- Raise awareness of the challenging daily issues of accessibility encountered by people with a physical disability, by providing their able bodied peers with the opportunity to have first-hand experience in a wheelchair;
- Raise much needed funds to help us continue the work we do; and
- Raise awareness of the work we do in the community.

HOW CAN THE FUNDS I RAISE HELP?

- \$1,000 – Represents the average cost of a young child with a disability and their family to attend a recreational camp for the weekend to participate in a fantastic range of inclusive activities and games.
- \$2,000 – Can allow a WSWA staff member and athlete to attend a rehabilitation hospital to introduce in-patients to the world of Wheelchair Sports and the opportunities available.
- \$5,000 – Represents the cost of a hand-cycle we loan to children and adults to regain their independence following a life changing injury – it starts them on their journey of building a new life

WHAT NEXT

To join us in this exciting Challenge, there are 4 simple steps you will need to take:

1. Fill out the [Wheelchair Challenge Registration Form](#), ticking the appropriate participation level.
2. Spend a full day in a wheelchair and attempt to raise / donate a minimum of \$1,000 (fully tax deductible)
3. Choose a day between 4th January 2016 and 3rd December 2016 to spend one full day in a wheelchair.
4. Encourage at least one friend, family member or work colleague to sign up to also take on the Challenge.