

SCHOOLS WHEELCHAIR CHALLENGE

Wheelchair Sports WA is a local based charity which maximises opportunities for people with a disability to lead full and happy lives, using social, recreation and sporting endeavours to deliver the outcome.

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.

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The Wheelchair Challenge is an event which aims to raise much needed funds to support the important work we do in providing social, recreational and sporting opportunities for people with disabilities by challenging 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.

Each year, [Wheelchair Sports WA celebrates International Day of People with a Disability in December](#). During the showcase each year, there is a Politicians' game as well as a Corporate Game for promotion opportunities but also to provide networking opportunities for those involved. This year, there will also be a **Schools Wheelchair Basketball Game**.

THE SCHOOLS WHEELCHAIR CHALLENGE

The School's Wheelchair Challenge was initiated by staff and students at [Christ Church Grammar School](#) who opted to take part in the Wheelchair Challenge to support.

The event at Christ Church was a great success with fantastic feedback coming from staff and students alike. At the end of the week, the school had raised \$3,600 for our Charity.

As the Challenge grew through 2015, so did the involvement and support of Perth's Schools. By the end of 2015, 6 schools had participated and the model was proven to be a success, raising a combined value of just over \$27,500 for our Charity and schools thoroughly enjoying the awareness raised around disabilities.

WHAT NEXT

1. Fill out the Schools [Wheelchair Challenge Registration Form](#), ticking the appropriate participation and fundraising options.
2. Choose a day/week between 4th January 2016 and 3rd December 2016 to take on the Challenge.
3. Spend a full day in a wheelchair and attempt to raise / donate a minimum of \$1,000 (fully tax deductible).