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## We're off to the Cape

An Annual Fundraising Event run by  
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Next Tuesday sees the **TJM Just4Kids Motor Trail** leave for **Cape York**. We are expecting great weather, wonderful locations, and as usual, enthusiastic fun entrants. If you missed out this year, not to worry as we are doing it all again in 2014 so please register now to avoid disappointment.



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## The Dinosaur Trail wants you!!

It's not too late to join us on the Just4Kids **Dinosaur Motor Trail**. This 10 day event starts in **Rockhampton**, travelling west through dinosaur country—**Mt Tabbuta**, **Winton**, **Lark Quarry** and **Carisbrooke Station** where you will discover the amazing history we share with our prehistoric friends. We cross the **Diamantina Lake National Park** to remote **Birdsville**. Here you can attempt to conquer our largest sand dune, **Big Red**, before dining under the stars. Our event concludes in historic **Blackall**—all in all, an adventure to remember.



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## MEDIA RELEASE

21 June 2013

### Wheelchair donation to change four-year-old Charlie's life

A Thursday Island toddler with spina bifida is set to have his life changed for the better thanks to the donation of a specially-designed wheelchair.

Charlie Kris, 4, who also has hydrocephalus ('water on the brain'), will receive the wheelchair from the Just4Kids Children's Charity and its major supporters.

The wheelchair, which was manufactured in Germany and is being transported free of charge by local marine transport company Sea Swift to Thursday Island, will improve Charlie's lifestyle and independence.

Just4Kids Motor Trail Director Mark Louez said the wheelchair donation had been made possible thanks to a mix of sponsors and the charity's 2012 Cape York Safari entrants.

"Everyone who took part in the 2012 Cape Safari helped raise more than \$8,000 to ensure Charlie received this very specifically-designed wheelchair," said Mr Louez.

"Along with therapists Louise Thompson (Senior Physiotherapist at Balaclava State School in Cairns) and Zoe Lang (Head of Special Education Services at Tagai State College on Thursday Island), Charlie has been supported medically to ensure that all the correct supports were dialled into the manufacturing of his new wheels."

Just4Kids Children's Charity Manager Kerin Hannan said Brothers Leagues Club in Cairns also provided funding, while signed auctioned jerseys from the Toyota North Queensland Cowboys helped support the wheelchair donation with a special one just for Charlie, signed by Jonathon Thurston.

"Without the support from our wonderful entrants during our motor trail events, and the awareness promoted through the WIN Network, Brothers Leagues Club, TJM Cairns, Followmont Freight and Sea Swift, the project would not have been possible," she said.

Sea Swift Sales and Marketing Manager Victor Perazza said the shipping company was delighted to help Charlie.

"Sea Swift has been proudly servicing the Torres Strait and NPA for the past 25 years, and we always plays an active role in the communities where we operate," he said.

"Giving back is a core value of our company, and we're thrilled to be able to play a role in getting Charlie's new wheelchair to him, and help improve his life."

Entrants travel from all over Australia join the annual Just4Kids Cape York Safari.

"The advantage of joining a motor trail event is you are involved in supporting our Aussie youth," said Ms Hannan.

"You meet the local communities first hand, and at the same time, have a wonderful time exploring our more remote areas."

The Just4Kids motor trail also supports the FNQ tourism industry, with an injection of more than \$100,000 during its events, with entrants often returning for a longer holiday, or extending the motor trail with a self-drive tour.

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### CHILDREN'S CHARITY

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The 2012 Cape York entrants would remember him as the cheeky 3 year old we met on Thursday Island at a fundraising lunch with the Thursday Island Rotary Club. Our aim that day was to raise funds to enable Charlie Kris to lead as normal a life as possible. It took a while, but that dream finally came to fruition last month when Mark Louez from Just4Kids presented Charlie with his new wheels. A lot of people made it possible but the main thanks must go to those wonderful J4K entrants who dug deep to make Charlie's life, and others we met on the event, that much richer. Thank You from Charlie, his family and Just4Kids.



Charlie and his teacher, Zoe Lang from Tagai College on Thursday Island. He loves school!!



Jonathon Thurston, Cowboys NRL legend signs Charlie's very special footie jumper.



Charlie, with his little brother Jerry and mum and dad, Patty and Ben.

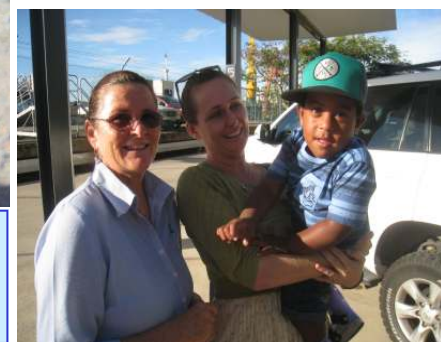


Supporter, Brothers Leagues Club's Jeff Mizen had a bag of goodies for cheeky Charlie



Charlie is all smiles now, thanks to the love and support he receives from everyone around him. We will keep in touch with Charlie and watch his progress over the coming years.

Two very special people in Charlie's life are his Therapist, Louise Thompson, and his teacher Zoe Lang, who accompanied the family from TI for his 'training' run with his new wheels.



Sea Swift staff and crew take good care of Charlie and his new chair.



Charlie & Jerry drag race at the press release—boys will be boys!!

