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345KM WALK FOR NEW WHEELS

Des Rowe and Tony Bini, friends of South Australia's largest disability organisation – Minda Incorporated, will be putting their best foot forward next week as they embark on 'Walk for Wheelchairs,' an epic 345km regional walking expedition of South Australia to raise funds for Minda.

Walk for Wheelchairs will see the two walking enthusiasts pound the pavement for ten days from Wednesday 28 May to Friday 6 June.

Through the initiative, both Des and Tony hope to assist individuals who are wheelchair bound with an intellectual disability, with proceeds going towards the maintenance and replacement of wheelchairs for Minda clients, as well as towards Minda's Day Options Program.

Des, who also volunteers with Minda, says, "Not only are there huge costs associated with general wear and tear of wheelchairs, but the deterioration of a wheelchair can significantly impact on the lives and comfort of those with an intellectual disability. We hope to significantly reduce the waiting time for the provision of wheelchairs for Minda clients."

The poncho clad duo will depart from Minda's Brighton campus at 7am on the 28 May, marching north as far as Angaston, before travelling south through the Adelaide Hills to Victor Harbor and then making their way back via Willunga.

Walk for Wheelchairs is proudly sponsored by Phil McMahon Real Estate and BankSA.

For donations or sponsorship of Walk for Wheelchairs, please contact Minda on 8422 6270. To arrange a photograph or interview, contact Julia Hodge 8422 6513.

Minda provides a range of services to people with intellectual disabilities, such as accommodation, aged care, day programs, community based in-home support and respite services for clients and their families.

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