



"I just want to play. This is the best thing in my whole life. This is me!"
Beau (11), who has cerebral palsy.



I MUST raise \$35,000 before 22 Dec, or the Junior Wheelchair Rugby program that made Beau's dream come true will be over.

Will you give a gift to keep the dream alive for Beau and his team of future champions?



Dear Supporter,

I wish you could meet Beau.

He's a little man, with a big heart, and an even bigger dream.

He doesn't just want to *play* wheelchair rugby. *That's* not a big enough dream. He wants to captain the Australian Wheelchair Rugby team... at the 2032 Brisbane Paralympic Games.

And win gold.

Please will you help me keep Beau's dream alive by giving a generous gift before 22 December? I know that together, you and our other wonderful supporters can help me save this amazing program.

To say Beau loves wheelchair rugby would be an understatement.

A year and a half ago, when he was just 9, Beau would get his rugby fix by showing up every Monday night without fail to watch all the action from the Senior Wheelchair Rugby games.

He'd have a roll around and tell anyone who'd listen about his Olympic dreams.

But there was one massive roadblock in his way... There were no Junior Wheelchair Rugby programs anywhere in Victoria, or even Australia.

As soon as we heard about Beau's story, we knew we had to do something. So we found a way to get some funds together for some junior wheelchairs, and we kickstarted Australia's first ever Junior Wheelchair Rugby season.

And it was amazing!

Eight future champions with huge smiles on their faces charging round a court every week, getting so much joy out of the game they all love so much.

But that was last season.

Now - suddenly - it's all over. And as Beau's mum, Rose told us...

"The news was absolutely devastating for Beau and all the kids, who got so much out of the program. Beau refused to accept it. He was like: 'We can't not play. This has to happen!' It means so much to him."

But tragically, we simply don't have the money to fund another season in 2024.

Not unless you and our other wonderful supporters can help me raise the \$35,000 we need to fund another full summer and winter program. And that's why I'm writing to you today.

Please will you give a generous donation today, so we can save this program and keep Beau and his teammate's dreams alive.

- \$120 could cover the court fees for a weekly match.
- \$240 could cover the cost of a Support Worker for one match for a player like Beau.
- And \$8,000 will pay for a new junior sports wheelchair so another budding champion can join in and build confidence and self-belief through this wonderful sport.

Please will you help me reach our \$35,000 target?



"I love to be able to smash and bash and really get into it. Without anything holding me back!"



Please turn over...

But no matter how much you donate - you WILL make a difference, and you WILL get us another step closer to keeping this program - and Beau's dreams - alive.

And just to reiterate, we're not just talking about the chance for a few kids to roll around playing a game once a week.

We're talking about everything that it means...

...the sense of fulfilment and participation it will give them when they learn that they can compete, train, improve and be the best they can be.

...the future human beings it will turn them into - adults who know "if I can do this, I can do whatever I set my heart to!"

...and the world champions they might one day become.

The Brisbane Paralympics in 2032 are not that far away.

Picture the day...

... imagine sitting in front of your TV watching Beau lead Australia out of the changing rooms and onto the court, hearts swelling with pride as they go for gold.

How good will it feel to know you helped to make that happen?

Please join me in doing everything you can to help make this happen. Please send a generous gift right away. Together, this wonderful family of DSR supporters of ours can do it for Beau... I know we can.

With my deepest thanks,



Liz Tesone
CEO, Disability Sport & Recreation



*P.S. We're all passionate about the power of sport to lift youngsters like Beau up... but today you have a unique opportunity to help turn a team of rugby-loving kids into **future champions, on and off the court**. Please give generously before 22 Dec to save this amazing program. Thank you!*

FACT:

Australia is currently the world champion in Wheelchair Rugby and **60% of the team players have come from our Victorian Senior Wheelchair Rugby Program!**

