

Halberg Foundation

Meet Sianna Beardsley

Seven year old Sianna Beardsley has found a real confidence in the water and a love for swimming thanks to a Halberg Activity Fund grant for one-to-one swimming lessons.

The Kaiti local has Prader-Willi Syndrome and wanted to participate in sports just like other children. Sianna has worn a fiberglass cast for her scoliosis for three years and had three surgeries to place spinal rods in, which has prevented her from being able to play sport at home and at school.

However, funding for one-to-one swimming lessons has helped build Sianna's confidence quicker and has provided her with a newfound passion.

Sianna's mum, Renee, says the lessons have increased her strength, coordination and kept her active.

The Central School student is thoroughly enjoying her swimming lessons too.

"Swimming makes me feel happy!" Sianna says.



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