

Halberg Foundation



Meet Pepi-Ria Moetara-Pokai

Pepi-Ria Moetara-Pokai has been able to independently ride to school, thanks to an Activity Fund grant from the Halberg Foundation.

The Gisborne local has Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, which causes her muscle weakness and issues with balance. The weakness in Pepi-Ria's hands made it too difficult for her to learn to ride a standard bike.

With the support of the Halberg Foundation, in November 2018 Pepi-Ria received a trike; enabling her to go on bike rides with her friends and cousins.

Pepi-Ria is able to get on and off the trike with ease, and she is comfortable riding it alone.

Her mum Christine says "The bike adds such a quality of life and provides her with a little bit of independence, fitting for a 10-year-old."



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