

The Sun-Herald CITY2SURF

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Hi-5 star Tim Maddren has thousands of young fans, but he will have one very special supporter cheering him on in *The Sun-Herald City2Surf* presented by Westpac.

Maddren has chosen to run in the City2Surf on August 8 for a child who can't - Bonnyrigg 11-year-old Matthew Van Hoek, who suffers from a neuromuscular disease and is confined to a wheelchair.

Matthew, who enjoys all kinds of sports and the high-energy singing and dancing of Hi-5, met Maddren at a Starlight Children's Foundation event earlier this year.

With Hi-5 official ambassadors for the Foundation, Maddren was quick to "donate" his debut City2Surf experience to a youngster with major health issues.

"I'm aiming to raise awareness for Starlight and the work they do, but I want to dedicate my run solely to Matthew," Maddren said.

"A few mates were doing the City2Surf and I said alright, I'll give it a go, but then I suddenly realised I am so fortunate to be able to this race.

"I can run and I'm in good health. A lot of the children we visit in hospital are there for a long time, some of them most of their lives and that makes you grateful for the life you have."

Maddren is keeping Matthew up to date with his training and City2Surf plans via email and has even challenged his young fan to come up with a target finishing time.

"I've said any time over an hour is preferred because I don't think I can go faster than that!" Maddren said.

Aside from his keep-fit regime of dancing and jumping for Hi-5, Maddren is also running about 8km a day to prepare for Sydney's favourite sporting event.

On City2Surf day Matthew will cheer Maddren along and be at the finish to congratulate him.

Starlight Children's Foundation is one of more than 400 charities supported through City2Surf fundraising at city2surf.com.au.

The Sun-Herald will award \$10,000 to the chosen charity of the highest individual and team fundraisers in the 2010 City2Surf Charity Challenge.

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