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Community Recognition Statement

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MACKENZIE BERNHORSTER AND CLAUDIA CHAPMAN

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

Every minute of every day a child is admitted to hospital in Australia.

Two local Year 6 girls from Glendore Public School, Mackenzie Bernhorster and Claudia Chapman, decided to do something to help brighten the lives of seriously ill children and their families.

Mackenzie and Claudia, better known as the **Blue Crew**, decided to take part in the Super Swim Challenge. Their goal was to swim 40km in 30 days and raise money along the way for the Starlight Children's Foundation.

When a once-bright life is dulled by needles, hospital visits and painful treatments, the Starlight Children's Foundation helps sick kids forget they're sick for a while and re-discover the joy of childhood.

In just 30 days, Mackenzie and Claudia swam a total of 50.35km and raised \$2937, an incredible feat of physical endurance from these two young women

. Early mornings and late afternoons at Coughlins Swim Centre at Warners Bay and Wallsend Pool, meant many hours of driving and watching for their patient parents, Andrew, Deborah, Michael and Beau.

Congratulations Mackenzie and Claudia on smashing your goal and raising so much money for the Starlight Children's Foundation.