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Timboon health service steps up for fund-raiser

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TIMBOON and District Healthcare Service will be taking next Friday's Jeans for Genes Day lots of steps further with a trek along the Great Ocean Walk.

Staff at the health service will don jeans next Friday to support the fund-raiser for the Children's Medical Research Institute but the service's exercise co-ordinator Tracey Heeps has also organised a fund-raising walk the next day, Saturday, August 3, to give the wider community an opportunity to support the cause.

The Children's Medical Research Institute undertakes medical research into conditions affecting children such as epilepsy, cancer, congenital abnormalities and genetic diseases.

The walk will start at the Princetown store at 11am and participants will have the options of either a four-kilometre or a 7.5-kilometre walk.

The walk is a registered Jeans for Genes Day event, supported by Port Campbell National Park.

The two events have been organised by Ms Heeps who was motivated to support the institute following the birth of her niece Madison four years ago. Madison has a rare genetic syndrome call Cru de Chat.

The new family has battled through tough times but Madison is now thriving.

Madison's parents, who live in Melbourne, walked the Jeans for Genes walk last year with her dad Daniel carrying Madison on her back.