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**Peter Wilson crosses the Atacama Desert for the seriously ill kids at
Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick**

Ironman and Triathlete Peter Wilson has finished the second race in his 'Trifecta of Hope' fundraising campaign, across the Atacama Desert in Chile. It was the most physically demanding race Peter has faced, and he finished a very impressive 12th out of 73 competitors who started the race. The 'Atacama Crossing' footrace was organised by the global adventuring company Racing the Planet.

Peter was faced with a demanding 250km course across the world's driest desert, at some points reaching an altitude of 4000m. The race began in Machuca on 30 March and followed an old Inca trail. Completing the race in six stages, Peter ran 10-73 km a day over seven days, carrying all of his own food, gear and clothing.

Peter ran with a team of two other runners, Frank Fumich and Michael Hull, called 'Team Trifecta'. They took out first place in the teams' division after the other teams failed to finish the gruelling race.

"The experience was incredible," said Peter, "the terrain was tough, particularly the salt flats, they looked like cotton balls but felt like razor blades. My legs would sink down into the salt flats like quicksand, it was almost impossible to run through. The thing that got me through was the support of my team mates and focusing on the reason why I was there, to raise money for the sick children at Sydney Children's Hospital."

Adam Check, Chief Executive, Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation said, "what Peter does to raise money for the children at Sydney Children's Hospital is nothing short of amazing. It is the commitment and support of members of the community, like Peter, that allows the Hospital to continue providing expert care to its brave patients."

So far Peter's Trifecta has raised \$51,000 for the Hospital's Emergency Department, thanks to individual donations and his sponsors Royal Randwick Racecourse, Powerade and NG Farah Project Marketing. His next race, the third and final of the trifecta, will take him to the Blue Mountains on 17 and 18 May. 'The North Face 100' footrace consists of 100km of rugged terrain which Peter must complete in under 30 hours.

In the meantime, Peter is organising a comedy evening 'Comedy for Kids'. Taking place at the UNSW Roundhouse Bar on 9 May, the evening will feature a gourmet BBQ with performances by Dave Jory, Jackie Loeb and Chris Radburn. For more information or to purchase tickets go to <http://www.comedyforkids.com.au/>

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