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TJ tour for a great cause

GARRAN'S TJ James is living proof that cerebral palsy can't stop someone from fulfilling their dream.

Mr James has been making a name for himself as a professional musician since 1993, busking and playing at weddings and events.

He released his third album last week and is currently on his first national tour as part of Cerebral Palsy Awareness Week.

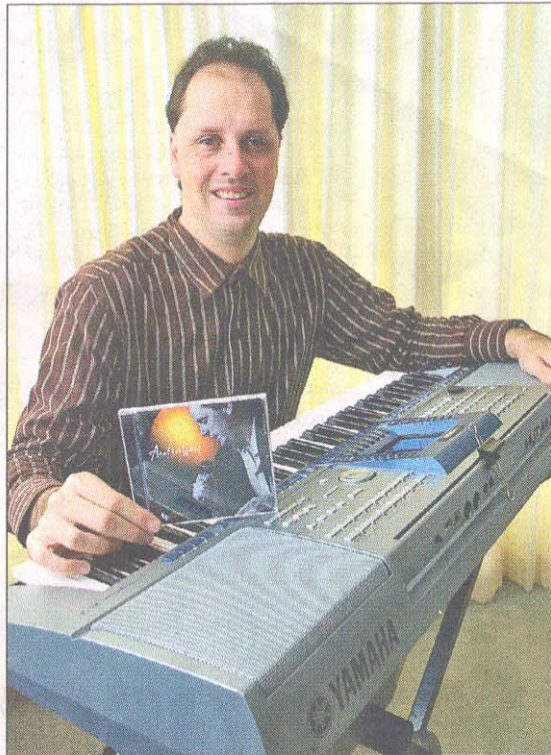
The tour began with two performances at the Centra Shopping Centre in Box Hill, Melbourne, followed by performances at the Spastic Centre Expo at the West Belconnen Leagues club.

On Friday and Saturday August 10 and 11, Mr James will perform in Adelaide and on August 18, he performs at the Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland convention in Brisbane.

Mr James said he has always loved to sing.

"I told everyone I was going to be a singer – a lot of people thought I was delusional," he said.

However, he worked hard to be in a position where he not only supports himself through his music, but is working with Disability ACT in running workshops to educate disabled youth interested in working in the music indus-



Singer/songwriter TJ James of Garran will be going on his first national tour as part of Cerebral Palsy Week this week.

try. Mr James has used his music to raise awareness of cerebral palsy, and money – he donates \$3 to \$4 from every album sale, as well performing for cerebral palsy charities around Australia.

His third album, *Another World*, is currently avail-

able through his website (www.tjames.com.au) and at his appearances. Later this year, he and his wife Lucia are expecting their first child. For more information on cerebral palsy or to make a donation, contact The Spastic Centre on 6258.3200.