Lili will walk to save lives

At just seven years of age, Lili Henderson has wisdom and compassion way beyond her years. It was this compassion that compelled her to enter a team in the Relay for Life which will be held on the Maleny Showgrounds on October 13 and 14. The relay is a fundraiser for the Cancer Council of Queensland and Lili has decided to call her team of ten, the “Purple Water Lillies”, as only a 7 year old could.

For Lili’s parents, to finally see their daughter walking at all was a joyous event, being more familiar with a history of stumbling and falling as a result of the cancer and ongoing treatment she has been subjected to almost since birth.

Lili was only 14 months old when doctors first diagnosed a cancer called neuroblastoma that was centred behind the heart, in 3 vertebrae of her spine and spreading down towards her aorta. Unfortunately, 6 months after her initial surgery, the tumour returned and Lili had to undergo yet another operation.

Although their home is at Witta, the decision was made that Lili should start Grade 1 this year at the Montville School. “Although her strength and fitness are returning in leaps and bounds, it’s a smaller school and the steps are not quite as high as Maleny, so it’s easier for Lili to negotiate them,” said mum Jennifer. The first day at school was a huge milestone for everyone.

“The Relay for Life” runs for almost 24 hours and each team of 10 walkers will take it in turns to walk through the night. At the night parade, candles are lit for those who have lost their battle with cancer and placed to form a lighted walkway.

“Dad is taking his boat down to the relay and we are going to decorate it in purple,” said Lili who is extremely excited about the whole adventure. “It has a bed and BBQ on board, so we can have a sleep and something to eat.”

If you would like to sponsor this precious little girl and her team members in any way in their ‘Relay for Life’ you could contact her mum Jennifer Henderson on 54999425 or 0419 661 641.

Horseless Carriage Club turns 15

The Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club is 15 years young with membership numbers increasing as new residents come to the Range.

The types and models of cars in the club are varied, dating back to Rex Redding’s replica 1886 Benz to cars of the 1970s. The range of cars provide much interest from within and outside the Club with most of the owners knowing the histories of their cars and are passionate about retaining their authenticity.

The rally program is varied with monthly Sunday rallies, monthly breakfasts at a local restaurant, several mid week rallies and weekend rallies. Members have an input into the rally program thereby ensuring variety to suit everybody. The underlying feature of all the Club’s rallies is the enjoyment of our unique vehicles, great friendships and appreciation of the beautiful hinterland and surrounds.

Support on technical matters is also shared as is patronage of local restaurants. New members with an interest in the preservation of vintage to classic cars are welcome to attend meetings and the rallies.

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