



ON A ROLL: Tilly Tapscott, Tianna Smith and Amber Ament during the Great Strides Walkathon for cystic fibrosis.

Agents for change stride out

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LJ Hooker teams on the Sunshine Coast paved the way for about 100 walkers to take part in the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Great Strides charity walkathon in Noosa on Sunday.

CF Sunshine Coast fundraising and marketing co-ordinator Angela Molloy said the event raised much-needed funds for local families affected by the genetic condition.

"At the moment we have 100 families in the Sunshine Coast/Wide Bay area with CF," Ms Molloy said.

"We only receive 6 per cent government funding, so \$94 out of every \$100 we spend has to be raised.

"CF is the most common genetic condition affecting the lives of Australian kids and there is no cure for it at this stage."



Eamon and Wendy Dunne with Katie, 7, and Marie, 10.

Ms Molloy said she was pleased with the response from the community in support of the Great Strides walkathon.

"Everyone really got behind it. It was a great opportunity for everyone to get out with their family," she said.

"We even had dogs being taken out on their Sunday morning walk, all in the name of cystic fibrosis."

The event marked the fifth year of Great Strides activities in Queensland and the 12th year of LJ Hooker's association with Cystic Fibrosis Australia.

"LJ Hooker offices up and down the Coast

really embraced the event," Ms Molloy said. "LJ Hooker staff got really involved and volunteered their time. It was great to see them getting among the community and showing their support."

Michael Adams, of LJ Hooker Twin Waters and Maroocha, said it was important to not only raise funds but create awareness of CF in the community.

"We need to get it out there in public and wave the flag to get support and create awareness," Mr Adams said.

"It's more than just support for children affected by CF, it is also understanding what the families go through. The stress and trauma of CF affects parents, siblings and the whole family.

"Obviously, we want to do everything we can to help."

The total amount raised for the Great Strides walkathon is still being tallied.

Through the keyhole

>>UDIA awards

THE Urban Development Institute of Australia (QLD) will hold its Awards for Excellence tonight at the Brisbane Convention Centre. Television personality Jamie Durie will host the event, which will recognise developments from across Queensland.

>>Palmview plans

MINISTER for Infrastructure and Planning Stirling Hinchliffe has conditionally approved the Palmview Structure Plan, subject to provisions. Mr Hinchliffe said that while he was largely satisfied with the structure plan, the final state interest review had determined council needed to undertake further, more detailed studies of the East-West and North-South Greenlink public transport corridor alignments.

"Under Sunshine Coast Regional Council's draft plan, the proposed East-West Greenlink public transport corridor would cut through the sensitive Birtinya Wetlands – an ecosystem home to two threatened species," Mr Hinchliffe said.

>>Tips from reno kings

"RENO kings" Geoff Doidge and Paul Eslick have developed four short films providing tips to property investors to generate cash flow and add value to an investment property. The films can be viewed online at <http://renovationsuccess.com.au/go/yip/>

>>Sustainable housing

HOUSING diversity, affordability and sustainability will be the focus of Urban Land Development Authority CEO Paul Eagles' presentation at the UDIA Sunshine Coast's October lunch at the Maroochyore Surf Club on Thursday, October 28. Branch president Mark Van Wyk said there were many pertinent issues which Mr Eagles would cover for those interested in sustainable developments, including examples of diverse and affordable housing using best practice urban design. To secure a ticket at the lunch, call 5493 9091 or email sunshinecoast@udiaqld.com.au

Our world trip led us to Buderim

"I MOVED from England to live in Buderim. My north Queenslander husband and I went around the world for our honeymoon to find the place to live. Our requirements were for it to be English-speaking and to have a view over land and sea (inspired by Sorrento, Italy, where we were engaged). During our trip, we took a wrong turn and ended up in Buderim... the rest is history.

With a geography degree, I appreciate the volcanic properties, iron oxide-rich soil and rainforest waterfall walkways of the Buderim Forest Park. Buderim Village satisfies my English desire for a village centre and with two young children, the heart of the community is felt first-hand at Australia Day, Anzac Day and the Buderim school fete.

Our home is only a short distance from my business, O3Office, in Maroochyore. I am proud to be a Buderim resident, delighted to be raising my family here and love to wake every morning to spectacular views from my bed.

This has to be heaven on Buderim!"

Vickie Johnson,
director, O3Office

