

MACARTHUR SWIMATHON FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS

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Logistics company swings into action as key sponsor

By Iliana Stillitano

IT'S THAT time of year again when hundreds of swimmers from Macarthur don their togs and start raising big dollars for cystic fibrosis sufferers.

Registrations have now opened for the Macarthur Swimathon for Cystic Fibrosis. Longtime supporter Dom Altobelli has helped make the annual event bigger.

The managing director of DA Global Logistics, has joined the quest for a cure by becoming the naming sponsor of the swimathon which will be held in February.

Mr Altobelli said the decision was a simple one to make.

"It's a fantastic cause so I was more than happy to throw my support into it," he said.

"The attitude of many people in business is how much money they can make. My philosophy is also what we can use that money to contribute to."

Since the first swimathon in 2009, the Macarthur community has generously

helped to raise more than \$300,000 for local sufferers of cystic fibrosis, a recessive genetic disease that affects children.

More than 80 of them live in the region Macarthur.

They endure an arduous regime of daily physiotherapy, nebulisers, numerous tablets and extended stays in hospital.

Which is why the entire fund-raising effort this year will be donated to Westmead and Sydney children's hospitals to assist with the purchase of much needed equipment.

To kick off the 2014 DA Global CF Swim Macarthur, the Camden Valley Inn will host a fun launch dinner and auction on Thursday, February 6 at 6pm.

On Saturday, February 15, swimmers will make a big splash at the Wollondilly Leisure Centre in their collective bid to swim more than 65 kilometres.

Swimathon founder Michelle Ng said the community's generous support of the annual event was inspiring.

Details: www.cfmacarthur.com.



Big hearts: Dom Altobelli will sponsor this year's 2014 DA Global CF Swim Macarthur which will raise much-needed funds for cystic fibrosis sufferers like Julia Free, who has been a keen supporter of the fund-raiser since it started four years ago. **Picture: Jonathan Ng**

General admission to the launch dinner are \$20 a person or \$50 for families and includes barbecue buffet in the garden, beer, wine and softdrink. VIP tickets, which include a two-course dinner in the marquee, are \$100 a person or \$1000 for a table of 10. There will be entertainment, jumping castle and face-painting.

Silence honours war dead

CAMPBELLTOWN will pause for a short time at 11am on Monday, November 11, to mark Remembrance Day.

The minute's silence will honour those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. It falls on the same day in 1918 when the guns fell silent, ending World War I.

A public service will take place at 10.30am in Mawson Park, Campbelltown.

Brunch will be available at Campbelltown RSL. Another service will start at 10.30am in the Memorial Garden at Ingleburn RSL.

Campbelltown RSL Sub-branch president Dutchy Holland encouraged residents to attend and pay tribute to Australians who had lost their lives.

"The reason we come together and remember it is for those who are fallen and to remember all those people who made this country what it is today," Mr Holland said.

Australia Day returns to park

Campbelltown, not Ingleburn, will be the hub for Australia Day celebrations next year. **Megan Gorrey** reports.

KOSHIGAYA Park will again be the venue for Campbelltown Council's main award presentation and citizenship ceremony, instead of Ingleburn's Greg Percival Community Centre.

Councillors were presented with three options for the January 26 celebrations after a review of proceedings, at an extraordinary council meeting on Friday.

The majority of councillors supported returning the official events to Koshigaya Park.

Independent councillor Fred Borg, who put forward the idea, was glad it received support from the chamber.

"I think we'll get a lot more people at Koshigaya Park," Cr Borg said. "I just believe it belongs in Campbelltown."

In recent years, official proceedings were held at Ingleburn, with only some of the afternoon entertainment at Koshigaya Park.

The main awards and citizenship ceremonies will return there, as well as the afternoon entertainment.

A second ceremony and other activities will be held at Ingleburn.

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