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JACQUI BRUYN SETS THE BLACKMORES MARATHON PACE IN HONOUR OF SON BEAU

The top individual fundraiser in this Sunday's Blackmores Marathon is doing it all for her son Beau, who was stillborn on Anzac Day 2017.

Gladesville's Jacqui Bruyn, who is 27 weeks pregnant, will be participating in the family walk part of the run with more than 120 supporters joining her on the day.

Every day in Australia six children are stillborn. More needs to be done to invest in the research to drive down this rate and to raise awareness about preventative strategies for expectant mothers.

Currently, Jacqui has raised more than \$37,000 for stillbirth research and prevention.

"We are absolutely astounded by the amount of love and support that has been shown towards Team Baby Beau. Words alone cannot express our gratitude," Jacqui said.

"Together we are helping to shine a brighter light on stillbirth deaths. It feels like the taboo associated with such loss is slowly starting to fade.

"The support shown by our family, friends and colleagues shows us our son, Beau, is a much-loved member of our wider network.

"This support means we are able to channel all of our love for Beau into a positive, fun and rewarding event, with the knowledge that Beau will not be forgotten, and that his memory will be honoured.

"We cannot bear the thought of more babies dying, many, like our son Beau, with no known cause of death. We strongly believe that the key to stillbirth prevention lies with public awareness campaigns, acting as stimulus for Government funding for further research and education."

New Stillbirth Foundation Australia CEO, Leigh Brezler, said Jacqui and all those running for the Foundation are making an outstanding contribution to stillbirth research and awareness.

"Jacqui and her husband, Trent, are doing wonderful work raising funds to support families, like theirs, who have been touched by stillbirth," Ms Brezler said.

"I urge everyone in the community to get behind Jacqui and her army of runners and walkers.

"The funds they raise will be invested in research and awareness raising that is aimed at driving down the shockingly high stillbirth rate in Australia.

"Every donation, big or small, makes a difference and helps us work to support families, and back vital research to ensure more healthy births in Australia."

To support Jacqui and Team Baby Beau visit: bsrf.grassrootz.com/stillbirthfoundation/jacqui-bruyn

To find out about stillbirth and donate to the Foundation: stillbirthfoundation.org.au

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