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Leg It for the Leukaemia Foundation

Launceston people are being asked to Leg It next Sunday (7 December) to support blood cancer sufferers.

Active Launceston co-ordinator Lucy Marshall said the Leukemia Foundation had decided to bring Leg It to Launceston following its success in Melbourne last year.

“We encourage people who are healthy to run, jog or walk in order to show their support for patients who have fought or are fighting leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other blood cancers,” she said.

Christine Sweeting from the Leukaemia Foundation said the event was an opportunity to acknowledge the important people who have helped sufferers’ journey with blood cancer.

“You can ‘Leg It’ in celebration of your own health or for loved ones, blood cancer survivors, carers or even medical staff,” she said.

“Anyone is welcome to attend this celebratory event which supports a great cause and makes a real difference in the lives of those suffering from blood cancers.”

Funds raised by Leg It will be used to help the Leukaemia Foundation provide vital patient services such as accommodation, transport to and from treatment centres, education seminars, support groups, practical assistance and emotional support.”

These services are provided free of charge to patients and their families.

The University of Tasmania is the lead sponsor of *Active Launceston*.

What: Leg It – run, jog or walk around The Gorge

Other activities on the day include:

- Free giveaways for participants
- Strollers and prams welcome
- Wear your craziest stocks or stockings to help us make a spectacle!

When:

Sunday 7 December 2008

9.30am to 11.30am

Where:

The Gorge

How:

Register now for your chance to participate in ‘Leg It for the Leukaemia Foundation’ and help raise \$20 000 for research and patient support.

Cost: \$25 for individuals, \$50 for a team of four people.

Call the Leukaemia Foundation on

Freecall 1800 620 420

Download an entry form from www.leukaemia.org.au

Or email events@leukaemia.org.au

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