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Supporting premature and sick babies

WALK for Prems is an event very close to Ashlee Ralph's heart.

In August 2017, Ms Ralph's son Nate was born prematurely.

"I had my son at 27 weeks, and he passed away after four months," she said.

"When Nate was first born, he had millions of dollars worth of equipment around him trying to keep him alive.

"You have no idea what it's like until you're in that situation. You've just got to push on."

About 48,000 premature or sick babies are born in Australia each year. The walk,

put on by the Life's Little Treasures Foundation, helps to support these families through their journey.

Ms Ralph said raised funds that went back to families in need.

She said about 40 people would walk for their fundraising team, Team Nate, at the event.

"We thought it would just be a small family thing, but then everyone else said they'd join. We had tops made up and everything," she said.

■ The walk will take place on October 28 in Hobart.

— KASEY WILKINS



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BATTLING ON: Ashlee Ralph, of Honeywood, with her mum Trindy Walker, of Launceston, are participating in the Walk for Prems 2018 on Sunday, October 28. **Picture: Paul Scambler**