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Family, friends walk proudly for prems

\$3500 raised for life's little treasures

By SIMONE KERWIN

WANGARATTA couple Stephanie Lloyd and Chris Crabb helped raise more than \$3500 to support the families of premature babies, like their daughters Harper and Summer, by taking part in last weekend's Walk for Prems in Melbourne.

Stephanie and Chris, along with a team of family and friends, completed Sunday's 5km walk around Albert Park Lake, which was conducted by the Life's Little Treasures Foundation.

The couple called their team Summer's Legacy in honour of one of their premature twin girls, who passed away in April last

year; Summer's twin, Harper, walked, took piggy back rides and had turns in the pram to also take part in the walk.

Summer and Harper were delivered at 30 weeks and six days, Harper weighing 1554 grams and Summer just 596 grams (the weight of a 24 week gestation baby), and both required neonatal intensive care.

Tragically, Summer passed away five weeks after their arrival, after she developed an aggressive stomach infection called necrotising enterocolitis.

Sunday's walk allowed the family to celebrate Summer's

life, and Harper's presence in their lives, as well as catch-

ing up with families they had met while in the Mercy Hospital.

"It was a very emotional and beautiful day, to have the support, and considering how much we raised for Life's Little Treasures," she said.

"I hope it really helps."

Stephanie said the family hoped to raise funds in future for other baby and child related fundraisers under the Summer's Legacy name.

"Summer might not be with us anymore, but her legacy lives on," she said.

"It's not something we can commit to every year, but definitely something we would like to continue doing in Summer's name in the future."



CELEBRATING SUMMER: Family and friends of Summer Crabb, including her mum Stephanie Lloyd (far left), and dad Chris Crabb (pictured with Summer's twin Harper, 18 months), took part in last weekend's Walk for Prems event in Melbourne to remember their little angel.