



**PYJAMA POWER:** Kate Morris, Marilyn Frost, Marg Martin and Yvonne Leach get ready for the Pyjama Foundation fundraising walk.

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# Long Road's ahead

## Walk raises funds for children in foster care

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IMAGINE being pulled from your home and having to live with strangers for your own safety.

For more than 37,000 Australian children, foster care is a real reality and the Pyjama Foundation is hoping to raise money and awareness for those children that have missed out on so many positive life experiences.

Caloundra will become the walking ground for The Pyjama Foundation's inaugural Long Road event, which is a 14km walk along Golden Beach and Pelican Waters.

It starts and finishes at Jensen Park.

Sunshine Coast co-ordinator Kate Morris said the event is a way for the organisation to raise some awareness on such an important issue and the Long Road event symbolises the long road ahead that many foster children face.

### LONG ROAD WALK

**WHERE:** Jensen Park, Golden Beach

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 24, 7am

**COST:** \$35 includes t-shirt and water bottle

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"I took a drive through Pelican Waters and Golden Beach and thought it would be the perfect location to hold the event," she said.

"Each person pays the registration fee of \$35 which gives you a t-shirt and water bottle and we give them a target of raising \$200 for the foundation... but they don't have to meet that at all it's just a little something to see if we can help get the word out there.

"We are hoping for at least 50 people to get involved.

"It's not a race it's just a nice

leisurely stroll around one of the Sunshine Coast's most beautiful spots."

Executive director and founder of The Pyjama Foundation Bronwyn Sheehan said that children in care are often at risk of being left behind.

"It can be a long road for children in foster care and we need to do something about it," she said.

"The Pyjama Foundation currently supports more than 1000 children in Queensland each week and we need a way to support that so this walk is a nice community inclusive way to raise some money.

"We are holding 10 different walks at 10 different locations around Queensland with one in Sydney and we are hoping to raise \$100,000 through all the walks."

The Long Road event will start at Jensen Park on Sunday, March 24, at 7am and finish up at Jensen Park with a picnic for all competitors.