

Adem's wish is for others

Despite a terminal illness, this 18-year-old focuses on helping via website

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AT 18, Adem Crosby has discovered some things in life people twice his age are yet to comprehend.

The Buderim teen was diagnosed with Lymphoblastic Leukaemia just two days into Year 12, and has lived through a humbling journey he likes to call a fairytale.

The journey has seen his family expand and his life change dramatically.

From his direct blood line, Adem's family has expanded to the patients, their families and medical staff in hospital, along with a strong network known as Team Adem.

The network formed shortly after the teenager was diagnosed, and has since helped raise more than \$120,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Selfless as he is, Adem's wishes lie in helping others through supporting the foundation and the Australian Red Cross Blood Service.

These services he said have helped his journey more than any amount of money could have done.

With recent news his doctors could do no more to help him, Adem is determined to see those wishes continue to come true.

To carry on raising awareness and gaining support, he and his dad Brent recently formed the Team Adem website, with the help of a family friend.

The site is a focal point for members of Team Adem, or for anyone who would

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- Visit teamadem.com.au to become a member of Team Adem and help make a difference.
- Adem wishes to make Leukaemia Foundation fundraisers bigger every year.
- This year, the team raised \$85,000 through the World's Greatest Shave – it was one of the highest fundraising efforts in Australia.
- Adem also wishes to have 1000 members join Team Adem's Red Cross donation team, to ensure at least 1000 donations are made every year.

like to join, to keep updated on how they can help Adem's wishes come true.

"Going through this journey, you realise what really matters," Adem said.

"The foundation and the Red Cross are so incredible, and I wouldn't be here without them. I've met some amazing and inspirational people, who have made this all like a fairytale for me. I wouldn't change a thing."

Adem and Brent are encouraging anyone to join Team Adem.

"I wish that the efforts thrown into the World's Greatest Shave and any fundraiser held by the foundation only continue to grow and we continue to raise those crucial funds, which go to helping real people," Adem said.



STRONG NETWORK GROWS: Adem Crosby recently formed a Team Adem website to see his wish of helping others continue to come true.

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