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Spaceframe Buildings digs deep for Guide Dogs in this year's Sunday Mail Bridge to Brisbane

For next month's Sunday Mail Bridge to Brisbane, a local design and construction firm has a very personal reason for raising money for Guide Dogs Queensland.

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Spaceframe team (left going across the back of group) Ben Pringle, 11, Lochie Pringle, 15, Lisel Pringle, Peter Raspotnik and Jane Raspotnik. (At front) Max Pringle, 6, and Werner Raspotnik sitting on chair with Juno the labrador.

BUSINESSES around the south east are stretching their legs - and their wallets - in preparation for next month's Sunday Mail Bridge to Brisbane to support a variety of good causes.

Spaceframe Buildings, a family owned and run design and construction company based in Murarrie, is raising money for Guide Dogs Queensland for the third year in a row.

As a cause close to joint managing director Jane Raspotnik's heart, the company has this year raised \$45,000, with hopes to reach a \$60,000 target ahead of the race.

"We've always supported Guide Dogs Queensland," Ms Raspotnik said.

"Mum passed away around five years ago. She was completely blind in one eye and partially blind in the other ... we support them (Guide Dogs Queensland) as a way to remember mum."

Spaceframe's relationship with Guide Dogs Queensland was forged around 25 years ago when the business built a shed for the organisation, while last year the company funded a puppy humidicrib with the money raised from Bridge to Brisbane.

"It (the humidicrib) saved a whole litter of puppies ... the "miracle litter," Ms Raspotnik said.

Ms Raspotnik said there were two elements which encouraged a team of 52 Spaceframe workers and their families to sign up for Bridge to Brisbane.

"It's nice to have the physical activity aspect," she said.

"It's even better to have the warm and fuzzy aspect. It feels good to know you're helping the less fortunate and raising money for a really worthy cause."

Spaceframe have raised over \$61,000 for Guide Dogs Queensland by participating in the 2017 and 2018 Bridge to Brisbane and are one of several companies, including BDO, Coles and The Wesley Hospital to take part in this year's event.

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