

Charity raises \$1 million

LOWER north shore charity Can Too has exceeded all expectations by reaching the \$1 million target in its quest to sponsor Cure Cancer Australia.

Director Annie Crawford said her team was "thrilled and proud" to have reached the magic number in just two-and-a-half years.

"We have trained 700 runners and swimmers, many of whom would never have imagined that they could run or swim in their chosen event and still raise this

amount of money," she told the *Daily*.

"We have also funded 13 young, brilliant researchers who would otherwise not have had the funds to do their breakthrough research."

Can Too was developed as a health and fitness program where beginners and experienced athletes join up for professional coaching, while raising vital money for cancer research.

"We are now training another 210 people for the Blackmores

Sydney Running Festival and will hopefully raise another \$250,000 with this program alone," she said.

"Our team members get all the help they need to turn themselves into runners or ocean swimmers and to participate in the race of their lives."

She said with the support of the Macquarie Bank Foundation 100 per cent of the funds raised went directly to cancer research.

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Can Too members (from left) Nicole Neal, Fiona Tyler, Mandy Steinberg and Annie Crawford.