



Local has a devil of a time fundraising for disease

WHILE most little girls may be scared of the Tasmanian Devil, eight-year-old Ceilidh Bishop is on an important mission to save them from a cancer that kills the endangered creature.

The Seventeen Mile Rocks resident said she is trying to raise awareness and get donations to help save the devils from devil facial tumour disease.

Her mission stemmed from a recent visit to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary during the school holidays, where she saw a poster of a Tasmania Devil with cancer, another that had died from the disease, and one without it.

"They're really helpful

animals, they clean up for us," she said.

While she hasn't yet seen a live Tasmanian Devil, Ceilidh has been invited back to Currumbin to see the handlers, and see a real Tasmanian Devil.

"I'm excited to go and see one, I don't know what it's going to be like," she said.

"They're cute, fuzzy and when they open their mouth I don't get frightened, it's wrong to be scared of them."

Her mum, Lyn Prowse-Bishop has helped her daughter set up a website, where people can learn more about the disease, and make a donation to the cause, with 100 per cent of the proceeds going to help save the

Tasmanian devils.

Lyn said her daughter had also been in contact with a boy in Tasmania who had a program running called 'Black and White Days'.

These are free dress days, with all the money raised going to the University of Tasmania Foundation.

"We're trying to coordinate it up here," she said.

"I think it's great what she's doing, I'm really proud of her.

"We're very environmentally friendly, and very committed to animals and trees."

To make a donation or learn more about the disease go to www.tassiedevilcancer.hfe1.com



Eight-year-old Ceilidh Bishop has made Tasmanian Devils the focus of her fundraising efforts