

Brave Hearts win it for Lina

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Winning Shot: Border Express as boat number 3 triumphs over 16 corporate teams

WHEN the Border's Brave Hearts paddled to victory on Wodonga's Gateway Lakes on Saturday, it was in memory of one of their "little Brave Hearts".

Lina Mildren, who lost her battle with cancer last year, was an active member of the group.

Brave Heart president Jenny Black said she must have been paddling with them in spirit.

They took out the breast cancer survival category against teams who had come from across Victoria.

Brave Hearts were presented with their trophy by Lina's daughter Elspeth, who had paddled with her mother.

"It's very, very touching," Ms Black said.

"I promise you, there were tears everywhere."

The corporate event contested by 16 teams was taken out by Border Express, while the council challenge was claimed by Albury.

Albury Council stroke Winsom Smith said timing was the key to their success.

The team had trained at morning tea, setting up chairs in the office and using postal rolls as paddles to perfect their timing.

Car park attendants counted about 3000 spectators and competitors, with organisers delighted at the big turnout and the gold medal haul from local teams.