

Inspiring others to make a difference

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THE Central Highlands has more than its fair share of giant vehicles, but judging by the response of people on Egerton Street on Friday, there can't be that many bright pink 24,000-litre water trucks around.

Brothers Percy, Jack and Garry Hornery run Hornery Water and Transport out of Moranbah, and stopped by the *Central Queensland News* office to show off a vehicle they hope will inspire others to get involved in the fight against cancer.

Percy said the truck is a tribute to his son Lachlan who died from lymphoma in October last year, aged just 36.

"While he was sick he said he was going to do more to raise funds for cancer sufferers, so we took it on board after he didn't make it," Percy explained.

"For every hour that (the truck is) on hire the Hornery family are going to donate \$20 to cancer research."

The money raised will initially go to the Lachlan Hornery Trust Fund, which was set up in

December last year.

The money will then be given to the Queensland Cancer Council which will distribute it to various charities in accordance with the wishes of the family.

Percy said his brother Garry is "living proof" supporting cancer research is worthwhile.

"Garry was diagnosed with cancer in September last year and given three to five months to live," recalled Percy.

"He had a stem cell implant in October. He owes his life to research and is living proof of just that."

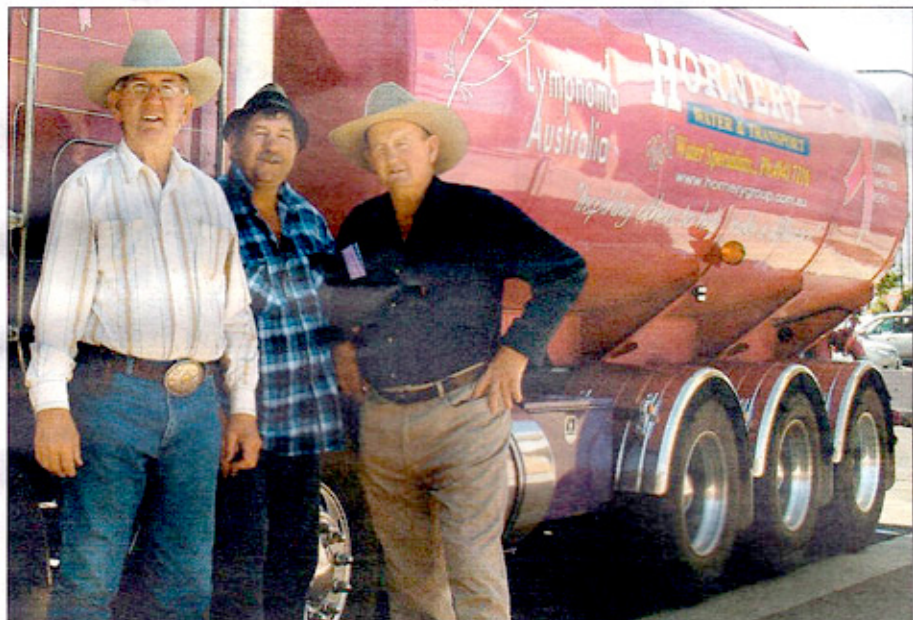
The water truck has the licence number: '4 U LOC'.

The truck also features the line, 'Inspiring others to make a difference', and Percy hopes other business owners will be inspired to follow the Hornery's lead.

"I'd like to think that other companies, big or small, could look at (donating) one per cent of profits," said Percy.

"Every donation makes a difference."

Percy said they hope to purchase a second pink vehicle which would be based in Dalby, and feature the number plate: '4 U LOC 2'.



■ **MOTURING ON:** Percy, Jack and Garry Hornery proudly show off their new vehicle, which they hope will help raise funds for cancer research in honour of Percy's son, Lachlan.