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Loss certificate a step forward

RECOGNITION MEANS SO MUCH

David Giammetta

ALISON Cornish has three children but only two are still alive after she lost the third at 17 weeks old.

"I lost my unborn son, Michael Nicholas, last November," Mrs Cornish said.

She has welcomed the state's decision to offer a certificate of recognition for mothers who have been through an early pregnancy loss.

"I originally wondered why a piece of paper would have any significance, but from the very beginning, you have all the hopes and dreams of what place your child will hold in your family and society. For me it's much more than a piece of paper," she said.

Early pregnancy loss recognition certificates are

available from the NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Mrs Cornish said this was a step forward in helping to break the silence surrounding early pregnancy loss.

"There is a quote which resonated with me and it said that a mother's instinct is to protect their children and when they can no longer protect their children, they have to protect their memory," she said.

These certificates are available if the loss occurred before 20 weeks, or if weeks are unknown, your baby weighed less than 400g.

"Make sure you get in touch with Bears of Hope and connect with people who've had a similar experience," Mrs Cornish said.

Visit bdm.nsw.gov.au.



Alison Cornish, who lost her son at 17 weeks last November, has welcomed the offer of certificate of recognition. She is pictured with daughters Genevieve and Molly. Picture: VIRGINIA YOUNG

WEST PYMBLE

Celebrating citizenship

MARATHON swimmer Susie Maroney will present Ku-ring-gai's Australia Day Award winners with special gifts on Monday at Bicentennial Park.

Following the presentation and a citizenship ceremony for 120 new citizens, a free concert will be held at the park from 5.30pm to 9pm.

Performing in the concert are Aboriginal band Descendance, ABC 4 Kids performers Lah Lah's Big Live Band, Tamworth Country Music finalists Simply Bushed, plus Stephanie Jansen Band and The Dave White Australian Anthem Experience.

The concert will be followed by a fireworks finale.

Concertgoers are urged to catch the free shuttle bus from 2.20pm from Gordon station as there will be no parking from 1pm at Bicentennial Park.

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