

Cancer survivor speaks at women's expo

Warrior princess

AT the age of just 33, champion sailor and mother-of-one Meredith Campbell thought she would "live forever".

In 2000 she was at the peak of her profession, the Olympics were on in Sydney and she was due to fly to London to speak at an international conference. Life was good.

But then fate intervened to turn the charity marketing professional's world upside down.

While Australia was winning its first ever gold medal in women's sailing, Meredith was diagnosed with breast cancer.

The brave cancer survivor spoke of her experience at Cleveland on Saturday at the Redlands Women's Expo.

After a "challenging" 10-month ordeal that saw

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her undergo surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatment, Meredith had her mind made up.

The "midlife crisis" plan to obtain a motorcycle licence at the age of 40 was brought forward seven years, and Meredith is using her newfound skills on two wheels - her "stress reliever" - for a good cause.

In October this year she and 19 young fellow breast cancer survivors will ride prestigious touring motorcycles for a week along the coast of California, from San Francisco to San Diego, to highlight the disease.

The event has been organised by Amazon Heart.

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WARRIOR Princess on Wheels: International sailor, Meredith Campbell, is trading the high seas for the highway to raise awareness about breast cancer with a motorcycle ride down the California coast.

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