

WORTHWHILE: First-time skydivers Lyn Camm, second from right, and Tony Knoll, centre, celebrate their achievement with Dragons Abreast members, from left, Gail Willis, Maureen Hall, Lucy Milburn, Liz Spring and Catherine Fenech.

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Lyn jumps at chance to support Dragons

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TWO years ago, Marian mother Lyn Camm would never have contemplated jumping out of a plane. But then, two years ago, she didn't have her pride and a promise to breast cancer survivors on the line.

After joking with colleague Tony Knoll that they should go skydiving together, Ms Camm decided they would make it worth their while by raising funds for Mackay's Dragons Abreast group at the same time.

"All the guys at Marian Mill thought we were crazy for wanting to jump out of a plane," she said.

"So we decided to raise money for charity — at least then it was for a cause."

The pair began fundraising last Monday, and raised a total of \$1800 for the organisation by the time

they jumped on Saturday.

Ms Camm said they chose to donate to Dragon's Abreast, a dragon boat rowing group established for survivors of breast cancer, as they liked the fact they were a locally-based group.

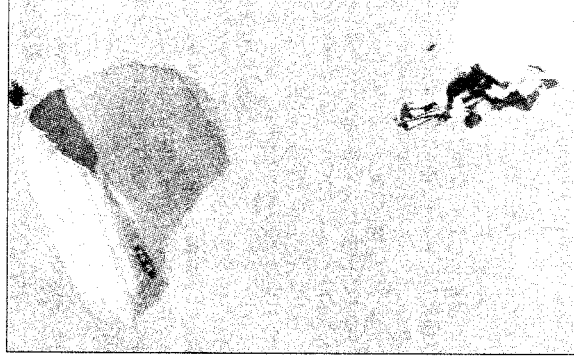
Dragons Abreast president Cheryl Machen said the group was thrilled to receive the donation which had inspired some of the group's members to follow suit.

"After watching Lyn come down in that parachute, we have to give it a go ourselves," she said.

"There are four or five of us who are going to do a jump in a few months' time — just seeing the look on her face when she landed, and the adrenaline running through her — we've just got to do it."

Dragons Abreast accepts membership from anyone who has survived breast cancer.

For more information phone Cheryl Machen on 4942 8085.



THRILL: Tony Knoll, front, glides in tandem with Ray Makin to a perfect landing at Far Beach at the weekend.

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