

Princesses line up for the royal treatment

by Marissa Lynch

THERE will be no glass slippers or thousand-year slumbers at this gathering of princesses.

The third annual Princess Party on Tuesday, August 12, has 200 girls ready to get the royal treatment.

Organiser Ruth Knight said the event at Legends in Surfers Paradise for girls between 14 and 18 would improve their self-esteem and better equip them to face life's challenges.

"They will get lots of the feel-good factor which means that not only will they feel great about themselves, but they will know their potential," said Ms Knight.

"We are having some very motivational speakers.

"We have had speakers before but this time we really have got some fantastic speakers - ladies who are really going to inspire with their courage and what they've achieved in life and tips on how to have good self-esteem.

"So they'll see these speakers and will also be treated so beautifully," she said.

"Some of these girls haven't even been to a restaurant before, and here they get a rose and get a banquet at Legends ... it's about having an effect on their lives."



Princesses Nikki Ellem, left, and Katie Marrapodi with Xavier the magician and Nelson the duck at the Legends Hotel

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Speakers will include former paralympian Karni Liddell, founder and director of the Aerial Angels, Sue Porett, director of Evolve makeup, Eve Connelly, and director of the Australian Institute of Fitness, Rowena Szeszeran-McEvoy.

Ms Knight said highlights would

be a makeup workshop on the night, along with entertainment from Xavier the magician.

"We will also have another workshop called the 'Beautiful You' workshop," she said.

"Evolve makeup is bringing about 15 makeup artists to show

the girls how to feel good about themselves and how to put on makeup.

"The motivational speakers will help with their inner beauty but the girls want to feel good about their outer beauty too, so we have quite a few things happening."