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## Glass won't break her

Naomi Baumgartner is living with a rare genetic condition but nothing can dull her smile.

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Picture: Mark Scott

## Youngster overcomes challenges

HORNSBY'S Naomi Baumgartner is a fighter.

At just seven years old she, like one in every 20 Australian children, is living with a genetic disease or birth defect.

It took doctors two years to diagnose the rare genetic condition SATB2-associated syndrome, more commonly known as Glass Syndrome, but her parents Dalal and Ivan Baumgartner raised serious questions with paediatricians much earlier.

"As she grew, we noticed that Naomi had no speech. She didn't walk until just after age three," Mrs Baumgartner said.

"She didn't sprout her first tooth until about 15 months.

"That's when we started asking questions."

Cases such as Naomi's have been highlighted ahead of Jeans for Genes Day on August 2. Donations can be made to the Children's Medical Research Institute can be made any time.



Naomi Baumgartner with her baby sister Esther.