



Speech by

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RED SHIELD APPEAL

Mr HOOLIHAN (Keppel—ALP) (10.06 pm): At the outset I would like to endorse the comments of the member for Broadwater in relation to the silk pillows that are presented to women who have suffered breast cancer. The Zonta Club in my area provides those pillows. I ask every member in this chamber to assist generously any group who provides them. As most people know, my wife has been through a mastectomy. The provision of those pillows has been of great assistance to her and it is so for many women who have suffered breast cancer.

When I listen to some of the adjournment speeches I sometimes wonder what motivates people to get up in the morning and take a whingeing pill or to live life looking through a dark glass. On 5 April I attended the launch of the Red Shield Appeal for central Queensland at the Rockhampton Leagues Club. Major Brian Watters AO was the guest speaker. He is a member of United Nations group that works to stop narcotic use.

That launch really showed the community and the government how the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal assists the community. The Rock Building Society underwrote the breakfast. It was a lovely morning. The number of people who attended, mainly because they wanted to support the Red Shield Appeal, was impressive.

The central Queensland area has to raise \$149,500. It is currently at about 47 per cent of their fundraising goal. Many of us will have Red Shield Appeal fundraising efforts in our own communities. I ask everyone to wholeheartedly support the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal, which raises funds to assist people in our community who are suffering ill health and who suffer problems because they have somewhat less than each one of us has. There will be a door knock appeal held the second weekend in May. I ask everyone to support the Red Shield Appeal for the good that it does in our communities.