



Speech by

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CEREBRAL PALSY LEAGUE

Mr HINCHLIFFE (Stafford—ALP) (9.49 pm): Last year I reported to the House on Craigslea State School's face-painting world record, which was a central part of the Cerebral Palsy League's Colour Your Day appeal. On that occasion a Polish record of 406 was smashed by the 500 faces that Craigslea students and supporters painted. Joining both my sons and seven of their fellow students who have cerebral palsy as one of the painted faces was a thrill.

The league is well known for the outstanding services it provides to children and adults with cerebral palsy and their families. As a parent and former student, I am keenly aware of the Craigslea State School community's support over many years for the Cerebral Palsy League and students with a disability.

But with 2008 the 60th anniversary of the Cerebral Palsy League, everyone wanted to go bigger than a world record. So what is bigger than a council bus? With the involvement of Brisbane's Deputy Mayor, Councillor David Hinchliffe, and my local colleague, Councillor Faith Hopkins, the Cerebral Palsy League obtained access to a Brisbane City Council bus to paint as a way of promoting its 2008 Colour Your Day appeal.

On Friday, 15 February, over 600 Craigslea students, including a number who are clients of the Cerebral Palsy League, participated in transforming a BCC bus into a colourful mobile promotion of the Colour Your Day appeal. I was pleased to join in the painting myself, once again with my son Tom and some of his friends from year 3. Joining us with brush in hand were the deputy mayor, whose famed artistic talents were on display, and other strong supporters of the event, including Greg Rowell, the Labor candidate for lord mayor, and his candidate in the McDowall ward, Peter Eickenloff.

I am pleased to report that the whole day, combined with a free dress day for students on the following Tuesday, produced not only a very colourful bus but also \$602 in funds raised by the students for the Cerebral Palsy League. The painting was overseen by artist Kendall, by the Craigslea State School staff, led by Acting Principal Lyn Green, and by the league's staff. Further, the event relied on many parent supporters of both Craigslea and the Cerebral Palsy League. Supporters such as Gavin Forde and Ron Porter ensured the success of the day.

I wish to conclude by noting that the event was also attended by the Brisbane City Council's transport chairperson, Councillor Victoria Newton. Councillor Newton was petitioned by me and Principal Lyn Green to ensure the bus decorated by the students would be visible in the local community. Councillor Newton has delivered, and I am pleased to advise the House that the Craigslea State School painted bus is operating the Translink 353 service, which passes the school on Hamilton Road 36 times each weekday—great, enduring evidence on the northside of the Craigslea State School community's commitment to the Cerebral Palsy League in its 60th year of service to people and families living with disabilities.