




Speech by
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 **Mr GRANT** (Springwood—LNP) (2.43 pm): I want to speak about a few very special people in my electorate of Springwood, but before I begin my contribution I cannot help referring to an ‘atrocious way to run government’, which were the words that just came out of the Leader of the Opposition’s mouth. When the opposition was in office, \$2,000 million was wasted on two projects. That is an atrocious way to run this state—\$2,000 million wasted.

On another note, I would like to speak with appreciation of Nigel and Erika Reed and their daughter Zoe. I recently met Nigel and Erika at the Slacks Creek State School where Nigel had finished walking from Port Douglas in North Queensland to Slacks Creek, south of Brisbane. Nigel and Erika lost their daughter Zoe when she was just 11 years of age to asthma and cystic fibrosis and Zoe’s Garden has been established at Slacks Creek State School where many families and friends have gathered to remember Zoe and to honour her memory and also to thank Nigel, her father, for raising millions of dollars by walking across many continents. He has walked across America and has raised millions and millions of dollars. Well done, Nigel and Erika!

Recently the Attorney-General, the Hon. Jarrod Bleijie, gave out awards for the Buy Smart Competition run by the Office of Fair Trading. Two bright, very beautiful young girls—Chloe and Anna—who attend Kimberley Park State School won the years 4 to 6 segment of the competition. I believe in excess of 400 applicants were received for that competition, and I say to Chloe and Anna very well done, keep up the good work and keep up those smiling faces.

Lastly, I would like to speak about Relay for Life and commend Audrey Turner for the work that she recently did in establishing the first Relay for Life in Springwood. She brought together 21 teams of walkers, and friends and family camped out overnight. In that one day they raised \$30,000 for the Queensland Cancer Council. Well done Audrey Turner and the team that worked with you.