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South Burnett Relay for Life; Amaroo Environmental Education Centre

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (9.34 pm): It is with pleasure that I rise in this House tonight to talk about the South Burnett Relay for Life. This was a most amazing event held in Kingaroy a couple of weekends ago. I congratulate Rowena Dionysius and her whole committee. Not only was it again a successful weekend but her and her committee and all of the teams together raised over \$105,000 for the Relay for Life. It was fantastic. This year we saw some 43 teams enter. I also congratulate the patron who does a lot of work and fundraising, Carl Rackemann, and the face of the relay, Roger Secombe.

There were some really lovely teams. This year I would like to acknowledge Sandy's Heroes. Sandy Freeman unfortunately passed away from a cancer related illness in 2008. It was lovely to see her son Nick present the Sandy Freeman Memorial Shield for the highest fundraiser. That went to Birds of a Feather. Not only are Birds of a Feather always high fundraisers but they are one of the largest teams as well. It was also wonderful to see other teams and people there, such as Linda and Darren Geiger who were part of Geiger's Gang. It was fantastic to see them out and about.

I would also like to acknowledge the year 10 Nanango State School team for being the highest fundraiser team there. I want to compliment my daughters, Lucy and Isabella, who worked very hard. Lucy in particular worked extremely hard and organised one of the Saint Mary's school teams. She raised a lot of money and organised their costumes. It was fantastic. I also congratulate and thank the teachers and all of the parents of those school teams who put so much effort into the South Burnett Relay for Life.

In the time remaining I want to touch on an amazing education facility 22 kilometres north of Toowoomba on the site of the old Kleinton State School called Amaroo Environmental Education Centre. I was invited there by the principal, Mr Cam McKenzie, and teachers Paul Carmody, Judy Green and Lee Reushle. It is a wonderful environmental centre that desperately needs another building to increase its space. It provides a fantastic resource for all of the small regional schools in and around my electorate and those of Toowoomba North and right out to Warrego. It is a wonderful facility. I am pleased to be able to stand in the House to offer my support for the continuation of the Amaroo Environmental Education Centre. I will be calling on the education minister to assist me in increasing their facilities.