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## ADJOURNMENT

### Relay for Life

 **Mr FURNER** (Ferny Grove—ALP) (7.05 pm): This year marks my 10th year of involvement in Cancer Council research and raising funds for the Cancer Council Queensland through Relay for Life. Not only I but also many of my team members have participated in this event. Many members on this side of the chamber have raised funds for the Cancer Council—the member for Redcliffe, the member for Kallangur and the member for Stretton. I think the member for Pine Rivers has had some involvement in this as well. It shows the dedication of our members to raise money to find a cure for this insidious disease.

This year I was asked to be patron of the Brisbane north Relay for Life team. Unfortunately, the event was postponed as a result of inclement weather. The team comprising Ali and Cam Gibbs, Christine Doolan, Clair Parsons, Laurence, Judi and Will Brown, Ross and Linda Williams, Petrina Zaphir and Simone Fleming were called the Ferny Groovers and they raised in excess of \$6,720. To date, my 10th year, my teams have raised in excess of \$136,000 for Cancer Council research.

One of the processes involved in this no doubt is online donations. I would like to read into the *Hansard* some of those donors: Aaron Harper, member for Thuringowa; Chris Whiting, member for Murrumba; Joe Kelly, member for Greenslopes; Senator Bilyk from Tasmania; Senator Moore from Queensland; Plumbers Union Queensland; Super Retail Group, also known as Supercheap Auto; Terri Irwin from Australia Zoo; Abby and Bill Senior; Alana Williams; Amanda Ronan-Hearn; Arana Tender Cut Meats; Aura Parsons; Bob and Susan McIntosh; Brian Devlin; Bruce and Mel; Bruce Kimball; Dee Thomson; Doug Flockhart; Gillian Mitchell; Hanne Worsoe; Helen Hampton; Kathryn Lewis; Kay Jenner; Kurt Sundholm; Mal Hayden; Patrick Bulman; Renee Williams; Ronni Grevell; and Trevor Walsh. All of those were online donations.

In addition to that, the team went further and conducted an event at the Ferny Grove bowls club and raised \$1,139. I want to put on record my appreciation of Judi Brown for organising that event and collecting the donations. There are too many to cover in the remaining 30 seconds I have tonight, but I will table that document.

*Tabled paper:* Document, undated, titled 'Ferny Groovers Fundraiser' [[1870](#)].

I would like to show my appreciation to all of those donors like the Ferny Grove Newsagency, Brisbane Broncos, Taylor's Seafood Ferny Grove, Stefan, Samford Valley Meats, Samford IGA, Sandgate Road Discount Flowers and particularly Noel Stallard, the poet who provided entertainment, and Stan Carr, a local who provided the musical entertainment.

This year I dedicated my contribution in support of a good friend I lost in April, and that was Nabil Karam—a good friend, lost by cancer.