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ADJOURNMENT

World's Greatest Shave, Kallangur

 **Mr KING** (Kallangur—ALP) (1.00 am): Recently in my electorate of Kallangur a strong community activist named Belinda Norrie has been organising shave for a cure and colour for a cure events to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Belinda has managed to secure the involvement of quite a few local businesses to help with this great cause.

An honourable member: Did you shave your head?

Mr KING: I take the interjection; I will come to that. I would like to thank those organisations for their assistance. In no particular order, thanks go to: Killer Looks Hairdressers for donating their time and skills; Emilio's Cafe and owner Gary Bryant for going above and beyond—I will talk a little more about Gary soon; Diamonds Tavern; Pet Supersavers; Murrumba Downs Pool; Hoppy's Carwash; Priceless Discounts, Murrumba Downs; and Dollars and Sense, Kallangur for donating items to the events.

I was approached early on and was pleased to be able to donate some money to the cause for hair colour spray and was asked to attend a few of the events. I was more than happy to attend as both of my parents, my best mate and many close friends have been affected by cancer in one form or another, and very recently an extremely brave young lady, Jane Linforth, who has been part of our family for over a decade, passed due to this terrible disease. I will always support any cause that tries to help cure those who are affected by cancer, in whatever form it takes.

The first event I attended saw the aforementioned Gary, the owner of Emilio's Cafe in Kallangur—it is a great spot for breakfast and a coffee—get his head shaved and coloured to look like a pineapple. It was an interesting look and one that made me glad, in some way, that nature has helped me as there is little appetite to see my head shaved for charity. Several others participated and many donated to the cause.

The most memorable event was held at Diamonds Tavern, where some very eager participants were also quite generous with their donations. The main reason the Diamonds Tavern event stands out in my mind is that someone suggested that they could raise a significant amount by waxing a strip of hair from my forearm. Caught up in the spirit of the moment, I agreed to allow this. Unbeknownst to me, after they had raised a considerable amount for one arm they then raised a similar amount for the other. Having never been involved in waxing in any form, I did not know what to expect. I must say that I sympathise with anyone who regularly undergoes any waxing. I can honestly say that I will not be lining up for more in the very near future.

That night Belinda raised over \$1,200, and I was pleased to be able to contribute, even though it caused some considerable discomfort and I am still wearing long-sleeved shirts! Belinda Norrie has been a great community advocate for this cause. Certainly she should be recognised for her involvement and activism.