




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ADJOURNMENT

Walk for Youngcare

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (6.06 pm): I rise tonight in the House to talk about the walk for Youngcare, which will be happening in my electorate next Tuesday. This is something that has been building for some time and something that I am really looking forward to. I had the great privilege when I was the minister for housing and public works to be able to arrange for this gift of land from the housing ministry to Youngcare, and we are now finally, after about a three-year process, going to see this facility open. There will be a soft opening next Tuesday where eight residents will come in and receive full-time care and have the home that they deserve and the dignity that comes with that.

We will be having a barbecue that morning on site to welcome the residents to the community and, of course, we also want to raise money for them. The whole idea is to buy a special purpose vehicle to help transport the residents. We have set a target of \$30,000. So far we have raised \$12,500 mainly through local businesses. I thank all of those local businesses who have seen and embraced the idea of Youngcare coming to our district. They are going to join me on a walk right around the electorate. It will be a 12-kilometre walk. Fortunately my electorate is not like some other electorates in the regions. I would not be able to walk around those, but you can walk around my electorate. We will have 40 to 50 people coming along trying to raise money for this great cause.

We are going to be dropping into schools along the way. First, we will drop into Albany Creek State School. Then we will be moving our way down to the Good Shepherd Christian School. Then we will be off to Eatons Hill State School. Then the final trek is an eight-kilometre walk from there to Everton Park State School. When we get there the head of Youngcare will talk to the children about the challenges of young people with disabilities and talk to them about the Youngcare facility. We will be doing a couple of laps of the oval at each of those schools and inviting the kids to make a gold coin donation towards the fundraising target—we are trying to get to \$30,000.

I want to thank all of those businesses who have already contributed. I want to make a call-out to other businesses who have not yet had the chance to respond. We would love to see you make that \$200 donation. If you can make a donation more than that, that would be appreciated as well. If we can get at least \$20,000 we will be able to get a good second-hand car. If we can get \$30,000 it will be even better. These young people deserve it. We look forward to a great walk. I hope we get great weather. We welcome the residents of Youngcare to the Albany Creek community.