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ADJOURNMENT

Walk for Youngcare

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (6.24 pm): I would like to give the House an update on a wonderful event that I mentioned during the last sitting, and that was the Walk for Youngcare. I would remind the House that we have a Youngcare centre in my electorate that is just about to open. We had a soft opening last week with a barbecue. There was an open invitation to the community and it was very well attended. Then we went on our walk. The idea of the walk was to raise money to buy a special-purpose vehicle for the residents to help them get around the place, so a group of us set off.

We went to the Albany Creek State School first. The whole school was out in the oval all dressed in red. We did a couple of laps of the oval with the walkers and made a gold coin donation which raised nearly \$1,000 there. Then we took off to the next school, which was the Good Shepherd Christian School. It is only a small school, but they were all there with red balloons ready to receive us as well. We did a couple of laps of their school oval. Then we took off to Eatons Hill State School, which is a very, very large school. I think it is the largest primary school on the north side of Brisbane. They were all out on the oval waiting for us. They had been given an incentive: if they made a gold coin donation, the school would give them a lemonade iceblock. They were all there full of enthusiasm, and again we got nearly \$1,000 there. Then we did the big walk all the way to the Everton Park State School. Again the whole school was out waiting for us dressed in red, and they formed a giant Y on the school oval and we took photos.

This was all for Youngcare. Our goal is to raise \$30,000. At the moment we are at \$22,000 so we are going to continue to fundraise. This Sunday we will be at the Albany fair for the All Saints Parish Primary School, and we will also have a raffle there to try and raise more money.

I want to thank the community. This money has been raised by donations from the local community, mainly through local businesses. I want to thank Paul Crooks from the local *Buzz* magazine, who has many networks and has been very, very active in promoting this. I also want to thank those who walked with me: Dan Whelan from Mitchie Day Club; Sally Cochrane and her dad, Glen, from helloworld; Natasha Orpwood from helloworld; Praseel Kapadia from PK Airsystem Services; Matt Maxwell of City Rouseabout; Machaela Magennis from Home Care Assistance; Cath Tonks; Marty Lampe; Anthony Morris; Patrick Dore; and some of the Youngcare staff.

I want to make special mention of Carly Mattea from Carric Accounting who walked the whole way with us. Carly suffers from MS herself, so this is very close to her heart. I also want to give special thanks to Anthony Ryan, the CEO of Youngcare, who did a great job explaining to the kids what Youngcare is all about and the special challenges that people with a disability have. It was a great, great community event.