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STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Relay for Life

Mr BRADBURY» (Lindsay) (6:52 PM) —The Relay for Life, an initiative of the Cancer Council of New South Wales, is a 24-hour event where teams take turns walking laps of a local oval to raise awareness of cancer and funds to combat it. It is an opportunity to mourn those lost to cancer and to celebrate those who have survived it, whilst acknowledging the loved ones of those affected by it. In its eighth year, the Penrith Relay for Life has raised more than \$1 million. This year's event, which was again held at Howell Oval, saw 118 teams participate, raising more than \$175,000. Participants ranged across all age groups, with many local schools and businesses banding together with their friends, families and colleagues to field a team.

This is another fantastic result for an event that is growing each year. In particular I wish to acknowledge and thank organising committee chairperson Greg Sayers, former chairperson Julia Parashko, Bruce Saunders and the other committee volunteers, the combined rotary clubs of Penrith, JK Williams and all of the other corporate sponsors of the event, whose dedication and commitment made the event the success it was. It is inspiring to see our community come together at an event like this each year, and I congratulate all those who have participated in and donated to this year's Penrith Relay for Life.