



Extract from Hansard

Tuesday, 19 March 2024

GAWLER RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT FUNDRAISEER

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (15:41): On Saturday afternoon from 2pm to the following Sunday morning at 9am, the Gawler Relay for Life committee held their annual event. This important fundraiser raises funds for cancer research through the Cancer Council. The weekend event has raised \$64,110 up to now, but donations can still be given for up to another four weeks. Since the first event was held in 2009, the Relay for Life has raised \$1.084 million in addition to the \$64,000 raised this year. I know they had a target of \$60,000.

The weekend event had 19 teams and 268 relay participants coming from all walks of life, including local schools. I would like to acknowledge that Xavier College had a team. Congratulations to the students involved. Teachers Mr Rob Polito and William Yates supported the students. Will himself raised over \$4,000 as part of the relay and other activities.

I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate the volunteer

committee, headed by Gail Saunders, for organising and running such a successful event in very difficult conditions: oppressive heat at the start and rain during the evening. I would also like to thank the various sponsors and businesses across the town who make the event possible. This event would not be possible without literally the hundreds of different volunteers who make such a commitment. They provide people with hope.