



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

Media Statement

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Queensland Parliament's Movember effort tops \$6500

The Queensland Parliament has raised more than \$6500 for Movember and its associated men's health causes.

Movember is an annual, month-long celebration of the moustache and highlights men's health issues, specifically prostate cancer and depression.

Several Members of Parliament and parliamentary staff grew moustaches and collected donations during November in support of the Movember cause.

Speaker John Mickel praised all of the parliament's Movember participants and supporters.

"Members of Parliament and staff have made a tremendous effort in contributing to the worthy causes that Movember supports.

"Growing moustaches for Movember has been a different way of raising awareness of two major men's health issues while at the same time raising funds to help combat prostate cancer and depression among men.

"I was happy to agree to Movember's request that the Parliament's Annexe building sport a ten metre long metallic moustache throughout the month of November.

"The \$6550 raised by the Parliament will be donated to Movember's two men's health partners Beyond Blue and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia," Mr Mickel said.

This year, four Members of Parliament supported Movember by growing moustaches and raising funds: Speaker John Mickel; Member for Morayfield Mark Ryan; Member for Keppel Paul Hoolihan; and Member for Ipswich West Wayne Wendt,.

"After the great fundraising effort that we have made in 2009, I look forward to more Members of Parliament and parliamentary staff growing a mo for Movember 2010 and in the process taking action to improve men's health", Mr Mickel said.

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