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TAFE GENERAL MANAGER AND STUDENTS RAISE MORE THAN \$3000 FOR WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Last Wednesday more than \$3000 was raised for the World's Greatest Shave by the TAFE Queensland South West events and hospitality students and their General Manager.

Brent Kinnane, the General Manager, got involved when a deal was struck that if they raised more than \$2000, he would shave his head and let his Executive Director of Studies (who is also a qualified hairdresser) do it with a cut throat razor.

"The World's Greatest Shave and our event is an opportunity for the Toowoomba community to get behind the Leukaemia Foundation, and raise money for a good cause," he said.

"Recently I had an aunty fully recover from myeloma; seeing first-hand the impacts that cancer had to the entire family really made me think about ways I can help and shaving my head to help raise awareness is a small sacrifice."

"Having the possibility of seeing myself become as bald as a badger if we reached \$2000 courtesy of Jenni Butler, our Executive Director of Studies, also created a lot of friendly banter across the organisation and definitely helped our fundraising."

This is the second year in a row that the TAFE Queensland South West events and hospitality students have supported the cause, with Diploma of Events students Janita Volker and Christopher Ronke taking the coordination lead as part of their course assessment.

The students are always passionate about this cause and raised funds in a number of ways including direct donations, social media promotion, raffles, cookie sales, shaves and colours during their main event, and more.

You can still donate to the World's Greatest Shave, simply visit www.worldsgreatestshave.com.

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Photos provided by TAFE Queensland South West photography students

Image 1: Grace Callan (TAFE Queensland South West) colours her hair for charity.

Image 2: Events students Katrina Johnson and Reise McCauley get snap happy to raise funds.

Image 3: Events teacher Saraïd McKay (TAFE Queensland South West) puts her hair on the line

Image 4 and 5: Events students and World's Greatest Shave coordinators Kirstle Amos, Christopher Ronke and Janita Volker with the newly bald Brent Kinnane (TAFE Queensland South West, General Manager)

Image 6: Jenni Butler (TAFE Queensland South West, Executive Director of Studies) with the newly bald Brent Kinnane (TAFE Queensland South West, General Manager)

Image 7: Jenni Butler, Executive Director of Studies and a qualified hairdresser, performing a cut throat razor shave on Brent Kinnane.

Image 9: Gerry Amos (TAFE Queensland South West, Acting Service Industries Faculty Director) colours his beard for World's Greatest Shave.

Image 10: Jenni Butler with Brent Kinnane pre shave speaking about the support the Leukaemia Foundation gives to those in need.

Image 11: Photography teacher Alison Ahlhaus (TAFE Queensland South West) and her students offered portrait shots to help raise money.

Image 12: The events students were among the first to help shave Brent Kinnane's head.

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