



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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Community Recognition Statement

24 March 2021

JOSH ARENS WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

After losing his brother Sam to cancer in 2019, the 11 year old Josh Arens decided to cut his very long blond hair to raise much-needed funds for the World's Greatest Shave.

Josh is an impressive young man and is determined to make a difference in the world. Having just turned 12, Josh has begun playing touch football in his family's team in the Monday night mixed competition in the Wallsend Touch Association.

To raise funds for the cause, Josh set up a lolly guessing stand at Wallsend Touch Association Lewis Street Clubhouse every week with the full support of admin officer Kellie Johnston.

Added to this Josh has incredible support from his school, the local community and via his own Facebook page.

On March 12, Josh said goodbye to his long golden locks in front of a crowd of family, friends, players and community members at Upper Reserve as his head was shaved. Josh managed to raise a grand total of \$38,822.93.

Congratulations Josh on raising such an incredible amount of money.

Well done to his mum Christine and dad Barry for allowing Josh to be such an inspiration to others around him.