


**Crosby, Mr A**

 **Hon. SL DICKSON** (Buderim—LNP) (Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing) (11.29 pm): I will speak about a young man in my electorate. His name is Adem Crosby and he is 18 years old. He is a school leader, a university scholarship winner, a precious son, a brother, a true friend and a Leukaemia sufferer. We recently learnt that Adem has been given limited time to live following a most courageous two-year battle to regain his health.

Shortly after Adem was advised by doctors that there was nothing more they could do for him to beat this disease, Adem posted a Facebook message. This message is so moving that after you read it you are left pondering life. It is Adem's wish that his message reach as many people as possible. I know it has already changed the lives of people who have read it. They are better people for taking the time to absorb it. I will quote just one paragraph—

I am all too glad it was me who was chosen, because the love and wonder that I have been lucky enough to experience—I would trade for nothing in this world.

A website has been established—[www.teamadem.com.au](http://www.teamadem.com.au). There you will find Adem's message and learn more about this inspiring young man. The greatest respect that we can pay Adem is, as he requests, to do all we can as individuals to support the Leukaemia Foundation in its endeavours to find a cure for this terrible disease through fundraising efforts, as well as by regularly giving blood through the Australian Red Cross Blood Service. During the past two years, Adem's family found that the gift of helping others in need gives a satisfaction like no other. To quote Adem—

... without the generosity of those who unselfishly roll up their sleeves to donate blood, people like me would not have been able to spend this most amazing of times with the ones they love.

... *Team Adem* via Club Red Group Blood Donation Program is starting to take shape, slowly gaining members and an ever growing amount of blood donations. This evokes great amounts of pride and happiness, in not only myself—but everyone who is involved.

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Next year, and the year after that, I wish that the efforts thrown into The World's greatest shave, and any fundraiser held by the Foundation—only continue to grow and we continue to raise those crucial funds, which really do go to helping real people.

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I wish that *Team Adem*, will always support and spread the word of these two incredible organisations, who, though you may not realise, are changing lives for the better, everyday.

In the face of such adversity Adem continues to think only of others—a truly remarkable young man who has certainly had a profound effect on me. My wish is for people to visit the website and learn how they can support people like Adem. I met this young man in my office just recently—to look in his eyes and to see him inspire other people to do so much good for those around him. I ask all members to pass this around, have a look at the website, let your friends see it. This is a young man who has really lived a wonderful life. He wants others to learn from his life. Pass it on to your friends. This is a great cause.