

BULLDUSTNBACK RALLY

Statement by Member for Darling Range

MRS A.K. HAYDEN (Darling Range) [12.50 pm]: Earlier this month, the Rotary Club of Mill Point set off on its annual BulldustNBack rally to raise funds for children's cancer and mental health charities.

The rally started at Roleystone Community College, which was selected by the organising committee because it is brimming with positivity about helping the community. The rally was a four-day run of mischief and mayhem in the bush. Participants dressed up their cars and put on their best costumes to add to the fun and flair of the event. As they stopped for meals, fuel, accommodation and some repairs, the event injected about \$30 000 into the regional economy. Twenty cars participated. Of those, only eight were bogged and one ended up under water after getting lost. The rally raised \$73 000, with \$20 000 distributed through regional school P&Cs, the Country Women's Association and community organisations for meals; and \$53 000 distributed to children's cancer and youth mental health programs.

I was very proud to see the hard work and dedication of the staff and students at Roleystone Community College. They were rewarded with the opportunity to host the starting line. A massive thank you to the Roleystone Community College and P&C for putting on a great breakfast for the crew on the day and to all the students who gave the cars a roaring Roleystone send-off. Well done to all involved.