



## News release

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# Brave employees set to shave for a cure in mining industry fundraising challenge

For the ninth consecutive year, Mount Isa Mines has joined the World's Greatest Shave Mining and Energy Challenge with many brave employees set to shave, wax or colour their hair to raise money to help the Leukaemia Foundation.

Funds raised through this challenge go towards vital medical research and help the Leukaemia Foundation provide practical and emotional support to people with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related blood cancers.

According to Leukaemia Foundation statistics, 11,500 people are newly diagnosed with any one of these life-threatening blood cancers every year, with many acute Leukaemia patients diagnosed before their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. With few clearly identified risk factors and sometimes no real warning, the impact of diagnosis is often unexpected and devastating for the person diagnosed and their loved ones.

Since 2006, Mount Isa Mines' employees have raised more than \$173,000 in funds for Leukaemia Foundation research and support initiatives. Last year the company was named in the top 30 fundraisers in the state raising \$10,000 through its World's Greatest Shave activities.

This year, Mount Isa Mines has set itself the challenge of topping its 2013 fundraising effort.

Maryann Wipaki, Health, Safety, Environment and Community Manager North Queensland said she encouraged all employees to get involved in the Leukaemia Foundation's Mining and Energy Challenge.

"The World's Greatest Shave is a great way for our people to make a real difference to the lives of people suffering from Leukaemia and other blood cancers and their families, whether through participation, attending an onsite fundraiser or making an online donation," Ms Wipaki said.

Until the end of May, fundraising initiatives will be held across site, kicking off with the main shave events from Monday 14 to Friday 18 April.

Mount Isa Mines employees can join the Mount Isa Mines Mining and Energy Challenge team by clicking [here](#) and following the links to register. To pledge money to the cause online visit the Leukaemia Foundation website.

For more information on fundraising activities happening at Mount Isa Mines, contact the Mount Isa Mines Community Relations team on 4744 2955.

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