

# Hair's to making a difference

Fundraiser | Eve Fisher

THE son of a Wonga Park woman fighting cancer teamed up with several mates from school and raised around \$6000 through a head shave event.

Ben White and seven mates in grades 5 and 6 at Wonga Park Primary School raised the money for the Cure for Life Foundation, the Leukaemia Foundation and the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

This followed a similar event last year where the group raised nearly \$8000.

Ben, 12, knows first hand the struggles faced by someone living with cancer - his mother Sally, 41, has been successfully fighting brain tumours for several years.

She has recently undergone a course in radiotherapy and endured the resulting hair loss, so Ben was more than happy to get rid of his hair in support.

He was joined by mates Lachlan, Ben, Jordan, Stirling, Harry, Oscar and Max - some of whom lost their locks last year as well.

The charities to benefit from the shave were chosen based on the boys' personal experiences with cancer. Mrs White said she was touched by the boys' dedication to the cause.

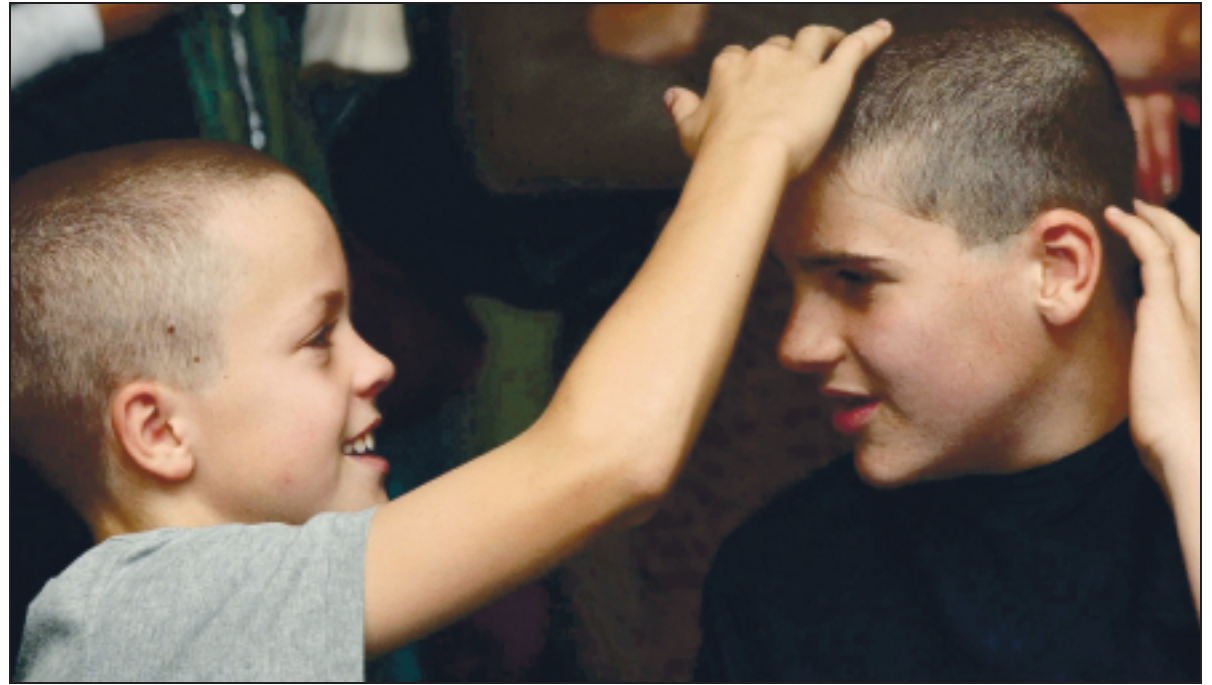
"I think it is really important that they think they can make a difference as an individual," she said.

"It is great for Ben to realise he is supporting me, that he is feeling like he can contribute."

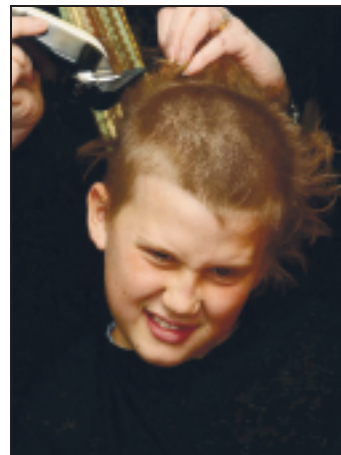
Mrs White's husband David is also making a difference - he has established the Blackwood 8, which is a team of volunteers passionate about making a difference in the lives of people affected by cancer.

The group has raised about \$120,000 since its inception four years ago and works tirelessly to raise awareness within the community. For more information or to make a donation, visit [blackwood8.com.au](http://blackwood8.com.au)

See more photos of the boys' transformations at [manninghamleader.com.au](http://manninghamleader.com.au)



Lachlan and Ben survey each other's new hairdo. Below: Harry faces the clippers. Harry, Ben, Sally White, Lachlan, Ben, Max, and front is Jordan, Stirling and Oscar.



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