

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Worsley tops leukaemia fundraiser**

Employees from BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina and its expansion project have been recognised for their outstanding efforts in losing their locks and colouring their hair for a worthy cause.

The Worsley Alumina Team has taken out the Leukaemia Foundation's WA Mine Challenge as the top fundraiser in the resources sector for this year's World's Greatest Shave. The annual event raises money for leukaemia support services and research.

A total of 70 teams registered for the WA Mine Challenge this year, raising nearly \$300,000.

The Worsley team raised more than \$43,000, making it the second highest overall fundraiser in WA.

Worsley also finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the national fundraising tally, which was topped by BHP Billiton. Through its Matched Giving Program, BHP Billiton matched funds raised or collected by its employees across Australia.

The top 30 WA fundraisers were recognised at an awards function in Perth last Friday.

About 30 people from the Worsley refinery, from the company's nearby Mornington Accommodation Village and its expansion office in Perth lost their locks during the 2009 World's Great Shave in March. Dozens more had their hair, beards and moustaches coloured or trimmed as part of the fundraising drive.

Nationally, the 2009 World's Great Shave raised more than \$11.8 million dollars and \$1.2 million of that was collected in WA.

BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina Expansion Project Director Warren McKenzie, who was among those to lose his hair, said the company was proud to support such a worthy cause and determined to try to top the WA fundraising tally next year.

*Photo Caption: Nathan & Nat from Nova FM congratulate some of the Worsley team at the awards night. L-R; Sue Wright, Fran Sutherland, Robyn South & Suellen Jerrard.*

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