

Nurses have a bit of fun with cancer patients during the World's Greatest Shave

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Michael Kable and Rowan Ashover sat in solidarity with cancer sufferers and shaved their heads for a worthy cause.

The two Royal North Shore Hospital haematology nurses who care for leukaemia patients on a daily basis participated in the World's Greatest Shave with the click of a buzzer.

"I haven't done anything for charity before and although it was nerve racking, doing the World's Greatest Shave had been suggested to me a while ago and I thought that I wouldn't mind doing it," Mr Ashover said.



Aside from the fact that it would be a razor-clogging and skin-irritating experience, Mr Ashover said he'd worked hard for the hair and removing it had to yield some funny pictures.

"The girl cutting my hair was mucking around and did a mohawk first, then a rats tail," he said.

When Mr Ashover was done pretending to be Travis Barker from the band Blink 182, it was his friend's turn to get creative and let his inner punk rocker out.

"My mate Michael who was doing it with me had a man bun and a beard but got it all taken off for the cause," he said.



Although survival rates for blood cancers are improving, the pair's fundraiser helped to bring awareness to leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other related blood disorders as well as help raise money for research, treatment and cures.

The Leukaemia Foundation doesn't receive any ongoing government funding.

"As I said, I hadn't previously done anything for charity and after this event, I was thinking of getting involved in Jeans for Genes Day," Mr Ashover said.