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Cross-dressing to make a difference

Local MLA Tony Simpson took some light-hearted relief from the issues of Parliament last Thursday by swapping his usual suit for a little black dress.

The cross-dressing frivolity is all in aid of a great cause – to encourage as many people as possible to participate in Cross Dress for Red Cross, a fancy dress fundraising event for Australian Red Cross.

The daring charity event will take place around the State on Friday 7 September.

Mr Simpson, Opposition Spokesperson for Volunteers, was joined in cross-dress costume on the steps of Parliament House by Katie Hodson-Thomas, Shadow Minister for Tourism and Jaye Radisich, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy, to support the event.

Mr Simpson participated in the inaugural fundraising event in 2006 and looked forward to stepping out again in cross-dress attire to highlight his support for the work of the world's largest humanitarian organisation.

“Participating in Cross Dress for Red Cross is a fantastic way that West Australians can make a difference to the lives of people who are homeless, isolated, disadvantaged or caught in a crisis,” said Mr Simpson.

“It’s easy to get involved – register yourself or a team, or dob in a mate to Cross Dress for Red Cross on Friday 7 September.

Red Cross in WA is introducing a new initiative as part of this year’s event, the King & Queen of Cross Dress for Red Cross Corporate Pageant. The lunchtime celebration will be held at the Deen, Northbridge, on Friday 7 September, and will see two people walk away with the crown of ‘King’ or ‘Queen’ of Cross Dress for Red Cross 2007.

If your organisation isn’t able to participate, you can still support Red Cross by donating the funds from your casual dress day collection on Friday 7 September.

For further information about Cross Dress for Red Cross or the Corporate Pageant, visit www.redcross.org.au/crossdress.