

Kep Palmer and his family rallied to raise about \$9000 on Saturday.

Shearers rally around Kep

Hundreds of people crowded at the Charleville Showgrounds to lend their cheering voices and raised money for Kep's Quick Shear Cancer Challenge on Saturday afternoon.

The event is in its second year and was held to raise cancer awareness and money for Hospital Auxiliary and Angel Flight after Kep Palmer was diagnosed with a brain tumour two years ago.

The Palmer family decided to hold the event to support country families affected by cancer after they battled through the difficulties which surround a cancer diagnosis of a loved one.

Hospital Auxiliary secretary Annie Liston said about \$9000 was raised from the "very successful night".

"It's amazing what this small community can do, we are so grateful for all the support," she said.

The challenge's scribe Ann Kent was in awe of the shearing community's spirit throughout the evening.

"We all rally together when the chips are down," Mrs Kent said.

"The shearing community is like a family and all band together. Shearers will travel a long way for a quick shear and especially this one for such a good cause.

"We also want to thank all the sponsors and the community for their involvement."

In the open shear finals Anton Gynes blitzed uncle Paul in a smooth time of just under 1 minute 70 seconds to a roaring crowd.

Kep's Quick Shear Cancer Challenge results:

■ Junior Quick Throw (13 years and under)

Casey Aramoana

■ Open Quick Throw

Jack Collins in 7.63 seconds

■ Veteran Shear (winners all from Charleville)

1st Roy Murphy

2nd Wayne Gibson

3rd Jim Cuthers

■ Learners Shear

1st Richard Collins

2nd Jodie Howard

3rd Shannon Mitchell

■ Intermediate Shear

1st Nick Bruce (Charleville)

2nd Jock McDonald

3rd Jayden Webb

■ Open Shear finals

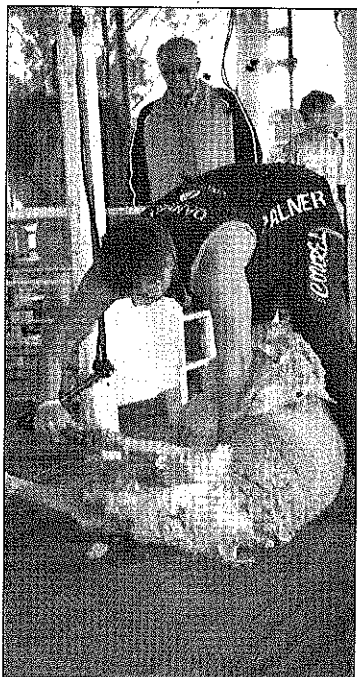
1st Anton Gynes 1m50.69

2nd Terry Garnham

3rd Paul Gynes



Kep's Cancer Challenge helpers Casey Aramoana (who won the junior quick throw), Sonia Garnhan and Ann Kent.



Kep's Cancer Challenge first off the run was winner Richard Collins.