

# Local business gets inked for good cause

**T**HIS is a bit extreme isn't it?

Not if you're committed to a cause.

Six locals sat down to be tattooed for charity last week after their company set a challenge to raise at least \$2000 for cancer research.

Kunda Park business Protector Aluminium threw down the bold gauntlet and six of the organisation's 40 staff agreed to step up to the plate.

General Manager Grant Symes said the organisation had long supported fundraising efforts for Movember, Pinktober, Daffodil Day and Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

"We have several staff members who have been personally touched by cancer and our support is as much for them as it is the overall cause," he said.

"Six of our generous team members will get tattoos of various cancer awareness symbols – it is a true sign of their commitment to such a worthy mission."

And as for the pain, Mr Symes said it was nothing compared to what some sufferers are often forced to go through.



**IN SUPPORT:** Leiland Deschamps, Carol Cartwright and Grant Symes are tattooed with cancer awareness symbols by Sam Arrowsmith from Ink Attack.

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"If this exercise has done anything I hope it proves to people living with the disease and their families that there really are people working hard to raise money for the cause."

Staffer Carol Cartwright was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008. While her battle had a happy ending when she went in to remission a few months later, Carol is still humbled by the



support of her employer and fellow workers.

"I am so happy to have

the support of Protector Aluminium and am a living example of how the system works," she said.

"If it wasn't for fundraising efforts big and small, I may very well not be here so I am extremely thankful.

Bokarina business Ink Attack also got on board with the cause, donating their services to the team who had their tattoos last Tuesday.