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Foot in mouth

A MAN who sucked an unwilling woman's toes inside a Wal-Mart has been sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Michael Anthony Brown apologised for his actions during his court appearance on Thursday when he was convicted of assault.

Police said Brown, 31, told the victim he was a podiatry student and asked her to try on shoes for him in the shoe department of the Wal-Mart in Lincolnton.

Brown eventually stuck the woman's foot in his mouth and sucked on her toes, then offered to pay

Naughty Goat comforts ROQ cancer patients

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IT'S a little package but for Radiation and Oncology Queensland patients, the gift of unscented goat milk soap means a lot more.

Goondiwindi producer Hamish Gale and his partner Nicole Williams run the Naughty Goat Farm and handed over the first consignment of natural soaps to the centre to help comfort patients.

Debbie Shannon: The unscented goat milk soap is unlikely to cause any further irritation or problems with a patient's skin

It is a cause close to Mr Gale's heart after his close friend and a family member were diagnosed with the disease.

"I had a friend diagnosed with cancer and she called me when she went in for her first treatment and was given an information

package that said unscented goat milk soap was advised for patients," he said.

"After that call, I contacted ROQ and told them what we do, how we produce it and how we would go about doing something."

Since then, he has handed over more than 2100 bars of the soaps, valued at more than \$12,500, to the three ROQ centres in Queensland, starting with Toowoomba.

Local site manager Debbie Shannon said patients were grateful for the small gift which offered some comfort during a difficult time.

"The unscented goat milk soap is unlikely to cause any further irritation or problems with a patient's skin," she said.

"So this little package means a lot to our patients."

Oncology nurse Randall Machejefski said natural soaps with a low PH balance were preferential for patients.

"In terms of treatment, we try to use PH-neutral soaps and products that are as unmodified as possible," he said.

"This product is exactly that, and because it is local, we know we can access it."



WELCOME GIFT: Vera the goat and oncology nurse Randall Machejefski with (back) Radiation Oncology Queensland site manager Debbie Shannon and Naughty Goat Farm owners Hamish Gale and his partner Nicole Williams (right).
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Wet roads trouble drivers