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## ADJOURNMENT

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 **Mr CHOAT** (Ipswich West—LNP) (6.27 pm): There is always so much to talk about when it comes to the community's activities in Ipswich West—Australian for 'the best community in Queensland'. Recently I was joined by Assistant Minister for Emergency Services, Ted Malone MP, to hold a Rural Fire Services BBQ to update local brigades on the positive changes in the portfolio. My thanks to the Prenzlau Brigade led by Dave Wandel for hosting the event and the great men and women of the RFS who do great things every day to make our community safe.

On Sunday I had the honour of opening the St Joseph's School Fete at North Ipswich. This year marks the first in the school's second century and the fete was certainly another great achievement. I appreciate the work staff, parents and supporters give St Joseph's.

I also had the thrill of representing North Ipswich scouts in the Moreton Region Scout Association's annual soap box derby. There is nothing quite like hurtling down a hill in a billy cart without brakes. I am proud to say that I won my heat and got to see my wife Nicky screaming all the way down the hill in her cart.

Last month the great Ipswich Pigeon Specialist Club hosted the 31st Australian National Pigeon Association's National Show. It saw over 2,500 of Australia's best birds entered to be judged by international judges. It was a great success. My thanks to John Wiseman for making it possible.

I recently attended the St Edmond's College musical *West Side Story*. Headlining were St Eddy's Adam Spain Mostina and Keelan McCoy, as well as the fabulous St Mary's College ladies, lead actresses Jordan Twigg and, of course, the fabulous Georgia Spark who is certainly at home on the stage and has a huge career ahead of her. The cast and crew put on a tremendous show.

On Sunday my family and I joined the Grandchester Model Live Steam Association and the community to celebrate their 16th birthday. It is always a pleasure to join the association with President Dudley Panel and the wonderful Jake and Cath Gillam.

Sadly, last week Grandchester lost one of its favourite sons with the passing of Roley Gillam at the age of 93. He was a great community man and is sadly missed. Congratulations to my lovely Lowood Slimmers who held their massive walkathon on Sunday. We released pink balloons for the victims, survivors and supporters of breast cancer and one yellow balloon to honour the late great Big Bob Campbell.

I would like to welcome to the gallery my wife, Nicky, and our children Ben, Eloise and, of course, our lovely Charlotte whose birthday is tomorrow. Charlotte is joined by the fabulous Miss Kate Spain Mostina and the stunning Miss Summer O'Neil. They are all lovely St Mary's Ipswich girls. Happy Birthday, Charlotte!

On a serious note, this week marks the 69th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. No doubt that was a terrible decision, but it was one that had to be taken to stop a global aggressor. Certainly I hope that the world community has learned a lesson from that and that we never see such a tragedy again. Unfortunately, today we do see things of similar heartbreak and misery. Today, the national MH17 commemorations were held. My heart goes out to all those people.