




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Moggill Electorate; Queensland Ballet, 60th Anniversary; Australian Catholic University, Vice-Chancellor

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (6.00 pm): As the Liberal National Party's shadow minister for the arts, I rise to congratulate the Queensland Ballet on its 60th anniversary gala which was held last Friday night. The Queensland Ballet, founded in 1960 by Charles Listner OBE, is Queensland's premiere ballet company. The Queensland Ballet has a rich legacy and proud history with outstanding leadership being provided by current Artist Director, the world renowned Li Cunxin. I congratulate all performing dancers and the entire Queensland Ballet team on an amazing 60th anniversary gala.

Recently as the LNP's shadow minister for education I attended the formal welcome ceremony for Professor Zlatko Skrbis, the fourth Vice-Chancellor of the Australian Catholic University, along with many other distinguished academic, community, legal and religious representatives, including Sister Angela Mary RSM AO. It was a pleasure to welcome Professor Skrbis to his role.

I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the many Australia Day events that were held in January of this year across the electorate of Moggill as well as some very important local residents. I pass on my warm congratulations to the following local residents on their recognition in the Australia Day honours list: Mr Peter Kearns AM for his service to education; Mrs Kirsty Brown AM for service to youth through Scouts; and Mrs Sue Thompson OAM for service to music education. It is always a pleasure to recognise the contribution of residents to our local community and the state of Queensland. I also wish to acknowledge the 50 new Australian citizens who were conferred citizenship at the Kenmore citizenship ceremony which was organised by the Rotary Club of Kenmore. Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic primary school kindly hosts this event every year and I want to take this opportunity to welcome its new principal, Mr John Bates, and thank outgoing principal Mr Andrew Oberthur for his service. I recently had the opportunity to meet with Mr John Bates and I share his passion for education and fostering a safe and productive learning environment in all of our schools.

On Australia Day I also visited the Mount Crosby Bowls Club for its community barbecue. I want to offer my special thanks to Mount Crosby Bowls Club President, Steve Spina, and his executive committee on putting together another fantastic community event. Australia Day would also not be complete without the annual Pullenvale Lawn Mower Race.

Finally, I also attended the annual Brookfield Show Society's Australia Day picnic. As always, it was a wonderful celebration of community spirit and certainly plenty of fun for local families. I congratulate Brookfield Show Society President, Cath Fullerton, and her executive committee on another successful event. I commend all community organisations for their hard work and support of our local community and specifically the QCWA Moggill branch on its recent International Women's Day morning tea—

Mrs Frecklington: Hear, hear!

Dr ROWAN:—which the member for Nanango also attended.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Member for Moggill, we were very sad to lose John Bates from St James, Coorparoo. He is a very good principal.