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BATTLE OF THE BANDS: BROWNS PLAINS POLICE SERVICE

Mr MICKEL (Logan—ALP) (11.12 p.m.): Next Sunday at the Greenbank RSL car park the Browns Plains police will be hosting a Battle of the Bands for teenagers of Logan City. Of course, because it is in the West Logan area, most of audience will come from that great area of Logan City. But, more importantly, it will be a community focusing event. We have had many such great events in the West Logan area this year, and this is just another one of them. I want to pay tribute particularly to the RSL club management for its community mindedness. Recently, it distributed more than \$70,000 to community groups and sporting groups in the local area and had a golf charity day where it distributed a further \$40,000 towards the local hospital.

The Battle of the Bands is being organised by the Browns Plains Police Service. I want to pay tribute to Steve Pyne, Ted Dale and all the Police Service officers from the local area and district who have organised this function. It will be a great function because the funds are going to go to the Logan West Respite Centre in the Logan West area.

Ms Bligh: Hear, hear!

Mr MICKEL: I notice that it has the support of the Minister for Families, Youth and Community Care and the Minister for Health, because they know what an outstanding service those people provide. John and his team do a wonderful job on behalf of disabled children and adults whose families are in need of respite care. They will receive it at that centre.

As all honourable members know, community groups search long and hard to find the funds that are needed. The funds from this event are much appreciated. We do appreciate the efforts of the Police Service in organising the event. The police have been at pains to point out that, of course, the event will be alcohol free and, most importantly and assuredly, drug free. What we want to do is teach teenagers that they can have a lot of fun but they do not have to resort to those sorts of substances to be able to have fun.

Mr Lucas: There will be plenty of Pura milk there.

Mr MICKEL: I might say, on the subject of Pura milk, that National Foods have been a very responsible citizen in Logan West. They do a wonderful job in the local community. One of the things we should point out is that there is a lack of public transport in the area on Sundays. That is why this event is so important. It is going to give teenagers a great community thing to focus on, something to do and something to have fun with. Whilst we are doing that, I know all honourable members will be right behind the Police Service and right behind all the volunteers who are going to put together a magnificent day on Sunday in the Logan West area.
