



Speech by

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BIKE WEEK; UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY CLUB

Mr LEE (Indooroopilly—ALP) (7.10 p.m.): I draw the attention of the House to the upcoming Bike Week, starting on 14 October. There are numerous bike riders in my electorate who take full advantage of the bike tracks leading into the city, and these people must be commended. Cycling not only promotes healthy lifestyles, it takes cars off the road. This is good for our environment.

It is for this reason that I take this opportunity to announce to the House that I am about to launch a cycling research task force in my electorate. I encourage other members to create similar groups in their own electorates. The purpose of this task force is to seek viable ways in which to encourage residents to ride to work rather than drive. I believe it is important that we involve not only cyclists but also motorists in discussions on ways of encouraging bike use and making it safer for children and families to ride bicycles for fun. As a community it is important that we work together. I am confident that, with the help of motorists and cyclists in my electorate, we can achieve great success in lowering the amount of traffic on our roads.

I believe that Bike Week will greatly help cycling awareness in our community. I encourage other members of this House to get involved. On Monday, 15 October at 1 p.m. there will be a polities mall challenge to determine which member of parliament can rack up the most kilometres on an exercise bike. I can tell by the excited faces in the chamber that there will be very many entries.

Further, I encourage honourable members and everyone in Queensland to participate in Ride to Work Day on 17 October. Last year I participated in Ride to Work Day and it proved to be a very fun and worthwhile event. I am sure it will be even better this year. Ride to Work Day in my area begins at the Graceville Regal Cinema at 6.55 a.m., on the city side of the Jack Pesch Bridge at 7.05 a.m., at the St Lucia post office on Hawken Drive at 6.55 a.m., at Kayes Rocks Lookout at St Lucia at 7.05 a.m., and down at Fig Tree Pocket at 6.55 a.m..

Finally, I say congratulations to the University of Queensland Rugby Club for its performance this season in winning the Doughty Shield, which is awarded to the champion Brisbane club. It is certainly a great honour for the UQ Rugby Club. It has made our local community very proud. Of the nine teams that the University of Queensland Rugby Club fielded, five reached grand finals. While it was only the fifth grade team that won its respective competition, to have so many teams in the grand finals is a feat in itself. Year after year I am constantly amazed by the successes generated by the UQ Rugby Club. I am sure that next year it will overcome the heartbreaks of this year's grand finals. I was very impressed by the fifth graders in their final. I ask the permission of the House to have the names of the players and coaches incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

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