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ASPLEY SCOUTS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Ms BARRY (Aspley—ALP) (11.53 p.m.): I rise to inform the House of the recent celebration by Aspley Scouts of its 40th birthday—a proud 40 years of providing the youth of Aspley with experience of fun, shared responsibilities, skill building and teamwork. The Aspley Scout troop is one of the largest troops in the state and I recently had the pleasure of addressing a large gathering of past, present and future scout leaders, cubs, scouts, volunteers and scouting officials as well as the parents, family and friends of Aspley Scouts. The group gathered to celebrate the 40th birthday of Aspley Scouts and to pay special tribute to the group leaders over those 40 years. Chairman of the Aspley Scout group, Steve Jeffs, was MC of the event in which patrons of the Bramble Bay district, Earle Rawlings and Aspley Scouts patron Lois Roberts, were also acknowledged for their enduring service to Aspley Scouts. The group leaders who were honoured were Allan Middleton, Arthur Perry, David Provan and Noel Lollback. Those four gentlemen spanned 35 years as group leaders of the first 40 years of Aspley Scouts. Honoured also was Lynn Masters, a very good friend of mine who was there for eight years, Trevor O'Hara and Allan Hong Choy. They have all made amazing contributions to the scouting community in Aspley, and I thank them for that immensely.

The troop celebrated 40 years with a youth member display and a fantastic display of memorabilia that chartered the history of the group. The displays set up under the guidance of Lynn Masters was a real highlight for me. I followed dads and grandads who were proudly showing their sons and daughters photos of their time as Aspley Scouts 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago. Generations were present to share the proud history of Aspley Scouts. It was an absolute pleasure to be part of it and I thank the Aspley Scout group for the invitation. Tonight I also want to welcome Cec Caterer who is the new Aspley Scout group leader and wish him and the young people that he has the privilege and the hard work to lead the very best. There is a line in the scout hymn that says, 'Help me to keep my honour shining bright.' For the past 40 years Aspley Scout's honour has shone bright and I for one, like the many members for Aspley before me, are very proud of them. I commend them for their 40 years and I thank them for letting me be part of that.