



Speech by

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BUNDAMBA ELECTORATE; MR E. ABRAHAM

Mrs MILLER (Bundamba—ALP) (7.15 p.m.): Bundamba is an electorate on the move. We are a vibrant community that celebrates diversity, multiculturalism, our successes and our support for education and training. Recently I attended Kruger State School and was very pleased to induct the school captains and vice-captains of the school. They are school captains Clinton Borghardt and Ashleigh McLane and vice-captains Jordan Takapaulolo and Kasey Lloyd. The house captains are Mason Fillingham, Esther Crook, Corey Desnica, Sarah Rawson, Chris Reck, Shavon Peleseuma, Lucas Molloy and Brigitte Fouwler. The band captains are Troy Wilkinson and Kirsten Randall and the recorder captains are Cassandra Kenyon and Camron Robertson. Kruger school is a school that celebrates the arts, particularly dance, and I will report to the House about that at another time.

I was also guest of honour at the Goodna State School where we were entertained by Jacaranda Singers with the hymn *Faith Can Move Mountains*. They were fantastic. The school captains are Thu Pham and Young Vaeae, the school vice-captains are Kayla Meldrum and Herman Seumanutafa, the class captains for 7A are Kym Ward and David Pham, for 7B Sula Leiataua and James Tuiluga and for 7C Jenny Nguyen. The class representatives for 6A are Katelyn Springall and Tessa Mananu, for 6B Emma-Lee Beaumont and Vite Purcell and for 6C Malelusi Faaosofia.

Just yesterday on behalf of the people of Bundamba I attended the dedication of the memorial plaque and propeller at Bundamba Memorial Park. I understand the propeller was from a Caribou aircraft with the serial number A4-228 and call sign VH-JME. It was delivered to the RAAF in June 1965 and remained in service for 38 Squadron in the 1990s. This memorial plaque is in memory of the men and women of the Royal Australian Air Force and it was unveiled by Wing Commander John McGarry of 38 Squadron from the RAAF base at Amberley. I laid a wreath on behalf of our people and joined many friends including Major Rodney Walters from the Salvation Army at Bundamba, Allan Jones of the Bundamba Naval Association, vice-president Barry Ritchie of the Bundamba State Secondary College P&C, Brad Strong and others for afternoon tea at the Bundamba Salvation Army citadel.

Today also marked the state funeral for QX4355 Sapper Eric Kingsley Abraham. I attended the funeral service on behalf of our people along with Vivien Stanbury, Dave Christie, Steve Donovan and many others from the Goodna RSL sub-branch. I want to express my sympathies on behalf of the people of Bundamba to the family of Eric Abraham and I want them to know that his spirit and his love of life and his humour will always be remembered by the Bundamba Anzac Observance Committee, the Bundamba Naval Association, the Goodna RSL sub-branch, other RSL sub-branches in my electorate and other schools within my electorate. May God bless Eric and his family.