



Speech by

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## **TARANGANBA STATE SCHOOL; WORLD COOEE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Mr HOOLIHAN** (Keppel—ALP) (9.46 pm): I would like to bring to the attention of this House another successful school fair held by Taranganba State School, which is a major school in my electorate. On 30 July at Daniel Park, Cooee Bay they held their annual fair. What is more, they held something which I believe every member of this House should give some consideration to taking part in at some future time, and that is the World Cooee Championships. The fair was held at Daniel Park, Cooee Bay and a whole group of people competed in the cooee championships in various categories along Kathney Street up to Wreck Point, a distance of approximately a kilometre. People can enter in a whole lot of different classes. They can have a child cooee, an adult cooee or a most sustained cooee. Last year the person who won it went for about a minute and 32 seconds. That is akin to someone holding their breath underwater for a long time.

There is also the celebrity cooee. I have to inform the House that I took part in that and I did not win. As a matter of fact, I do not think I even came second. I think there was some comment about sounding like a chicken with its head cut off. There is a very great sadness in informing this House about the World Cooee Championships because the world champion cooee-er did not come from central Queensland or Queensland. He, in fact, was a tourist from Western Australia. He came along and he won the most sustained and he won the best and loudest cooee. I invite everyone here who thinks that they could take part in this to come along next year and put their name down for the celebrity cooee to see whether or not we can find a world cooee champion from central Queensland or elsewhere in Queensland.