



Speech by

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ANNUAL ARTS CONCERT, BURPENGARY STATE SCHOOL; CABOOLTURE MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Mr RYAN (Morayfield—ALP) (10.39 pm): I would like to inform the House about some outstanding local events held recently in the Morayfield state electorate. Firstly, I was honoured to attend the recent annual arts concert at the Burpengary State School. The annual arts concert is now in its fifth year and is a highlight of the local creative arts events calendar. The audience was treated to a performance from all year levels. From the performance by the preppies to the performance by the year 7s, all performances were top class and proved to all members of the audience that the students and staff of the Burpengary State School are shining examples of the talent in our local area.

I would like to particularly acknowledge the performances by the year 6 and year 7 students. The year 6 students gave a magnificent performance based on the 1963 children's picture book called *Where the Wild Things Are*.

Mr Wettenhall: Great book.

Mr RYAN: It is a great book. The costumes were detailed, intricate and consistent with the original story. The choreography and musical contributions by the students were of the highest standards and impressed all members of the audience. Similarly, the performance by the year 7 students was brilliant. The performance was fun, engaging and involved the entire audience. I was impressed by the students' ability to get the preppies and year 1s involved with their superhero presentation.

I would like to specifically commend the principal, Mrs Passi; the concert's producer, Mr Tattersall, who this year celebrates 25 years as a teacher—and what an outstanding achievement that is—the concert's directors, Mr Ruhle and Ms Mellors; the costume coordinator, Ms Bunney; and the dedicated and talented teachers, staff and parents of the Burpengary State School. I would like to personally acknowledge the hard work of all the teachers for their valuable contribution to the learning of the young people of our area.

Secondly, I was able to represent the Minister for Multicultural Affairs and the member for Pumicestone, Carryn Sullivan, at the Caboolture Multicultural Festival. This festival is another highlight of the local events calendar, and this year's festival was strongly supported by the local community. Many people from the Caboolture region attended this festival and all enjoyed the wonderful food, entertainment, arts and crafts and multicultural displays.

People from Chinese, Irish, Filipino, Mauritian and Pacific Islander cultural backgrounds were among the performers. The festival provides locals with a great opportunity to experience the cultural diversity which makes our community such a great place to live, to make new friends and to try new things. I would like to commend Ces Conte, his organising community and all the volunteers on their contributions to this year's festival.

Finally, I would like to wish the Caboolture 19 Halfway Town Neighbourhood Watch a very happy first birthday and commend them for their hard work.