




Speech by

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BPW CABOOLTURE; WOMEN'S INFOLINK

 **Mr RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (11.53 am): I would like to add to the comments that I made yesterday, during last night's adjournment debate, about International Women's Day and the Business and Professional Women club at Caboolture. Yesterday in Caboolture, BPW Caboolture held its annual candle-lighting ceremony. This ceremony is held every year on the same day by every BPW club in the world and coincides with International Women's Day. I commend BPW Caboolture for its contribution to International Women's Day and for its contribution to the advancement of the status of women in our region, our nation and our world.

Honourable members would certainly be interested to know that BPW Caboolture is the largest BPW club in Australia and that one of its members, Debbie Rychvalsey, serves as the national secretary of BPW Australia. BPW Caboolture also has the youngest BPW member in Australia, Aleisha Gubesch, who is in year 12 at St Columban's College. I am very proud of the work of BPW Caboolture. They are a tight-knit, supportive group who are out there doing their best for the women of the Caboolture region and the women of our world.

I would also like to take this opportunity to commend the Queensland government's Office for Women for its good and hard work in supporting women right around our state. I congratulate the Office for Women on their dedicated Women's Infolink hotline service. This hotline service provides to Queensland women a free and confidential information and referral service about community services and government agency support services. The Women's Infolink hotline service can be accessed by calling 1800177577 during business hours.