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KUMBIA, CENTENARY

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (8.42 pm): I rise tonight to tell the House about how proud I am to mention that on Saturday the Kumbia community celebrated 100 years of its first town plan. It was a wonderful celebration. This centenary marked the anniversary of the sale of the first town allotments. This lovely little country town is located about 25 kilometres east of Kingaroy in the foothills of the Bunya Mountains. It currently has a population of about 350 people. However, on the day well over 1,000 people came to enjoy the festivities and reconnect with their roots in Kumbia. I had the pleasure of attending with my family. It was a wonderful family day. I congratulate the centenary organising committee for organising the day: Mr Jim Hancock, the president; Gayle Carroll, the secretary; and Pat Hobdell, the assistant secretary. It was also wonderful to be able to give a vote of thanks to wonderful guest speakers and local identities—Col Noller, Wally Thamm and Tony Turton—who spoke with wonderful remembrance of their days in the town of Kumbia. There were many other volunteers who helped on the day. It was a great day for all of the local charities, such as the Kumbia Kindergarten, which was able to raise a lot of money by selling hot chips and pies. It was a memorable and fun day.

There was a very busy program, including the opening of a plaqued historical walk through the town and a cutting of the centenary cake. There was also a time capsule which local identities and schoolchildren had contributed to which they hope to open in another 100 years time. There was also a street parade, a cooking competition, a three-legged race, an egg-and-spoon race and a cow-milking competition. The community really did throw their support behind this event. This is what I love so much about the wonderful small country towns in my electorate of Nanango. There was also a night-time concert that featured local artists which was standing room only.

I would also like to mention two young girls from the Kumbia State School, Marni Zammataro and Lydia Penny. These two girls stood up and sang *I still call Kumbia home* without any backing music. They had re-worded it to suit the day. It was absolutely fantastic. I would like to congratulate Marni and Penny on representing their town so well. I congratulate the Kumbia organising committee and look forward to supporting them for the next 100 years.