




Speech by

Jason Woodforth

MEMBER FOR NUDGE

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NUDGE ELECTORATE

 **Mr WOODFORTH** (Nudgee—LNP) (2.31 pm): I rise this afternoon to speak about one of the many things that is important to me—that is, my electorate of Nudgee. I would like to highlight a few things that have been going on around my electorate, starting with Boondall State School. Under the charge of Principal Chris Campanaris, this school is active in many ways. Chris, who has been principal for some 20 years—and proudly so, may I add—loves to show off the many awards the school has won. Since being elected I have visited the school on several occasions. I visited them recently for their Friday Healthy Options eating program. I also participated in Walk Safe to School day. Just this week I had the pleasure of handing out around 70 efficiency awards to students during Queensland Week.

At St Pius at Banyo I enjoyed a Mothers Day breakfast with students, parents and teachers. I was also fortunate enough to be able to be principal for a day at Wavell State High School. I spent the afternoon with Principal Jeff Major, staff and school captains. It was a great day and from it we managed to commence solving their afternoon school pick-up problem. We also talked in length about the move to bring year 7 students into the school and how that might look and feel.

In other news, given my sporting background I would also like to note some sporting achievements of students from St Joseph's College at Nudgee: Daniel Fletcher, Queensland Schoolboys U16 hockey team; Will Reynolds, Metropolitan North U12 hockey team; and Alex King, 2012 Australian Junior Rowing Team. Whilst I am congratulating people, I congratulate Mr Shannon Hickey, the owner of Nextra Newsagency at Chermiside shopping centre, for taking out Queensland Newsagency of the Year 2012.

An honourable member: Again?

Mr WOODFORTH: Again. He does well. In Taigum, just on my electorate border, Terry White opened up yet another Terry White Chemist. It is a credit to Mr White, a former member of this House, whose business continues to grow and grow.

A couple of weekends ago at Burnie Brae Community Centre we celebrated Volunteers Week and awarded over 50 volunteers with badges. So many things happen in our community, and without the support of volunteers so much just would not happen. Some of these volunteers are well into their seventies and eighties. I congratulate all volunteers around the state and country.

On Saturday just gone we celebrated Multicultural Day at Zillmere. The event again was well supported by the community as a whole. My congratulations go to the organising committee, led by Jo, for delivering yet another fine event.

Going forward, I look forward to updating the Geebung and surrounding areas on the Geebung rail overpass. I will conclude by reminding the House—not that we in government need reminding; nor do my constituents in Nudgee who struggle to pay the bills, are losing their jobs and are closing their business doors—that in just over three weeks time the most insidious tax ever to hit us will be here. It is the tax we did not vote for and we were told that famous line, 'There will be no carbon tax under the government I lead.' God help this country from this tax!