



Speech by

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## NUDGEES ELECTORATE, EVENTS

**Mr WOODFORTH** (Nudgees—LNP) (2.48 pm): I rise today to talk about another one of my favourite subjects and, no, it is not about health.

**Mr Bleijie:** Apples.

**Mr WOODFORTH:** No, it is not about apples either. It is about the electorate of Nudgees, but there might be a little bit of health and fitness in here.

Last week I was at Virginia State School with the school's running club, run by parent Ben Ryan. Ben is doing a fantastic job of keeping children active and healthy. He started out with just his own three kids and has built this up to some 60 kids. Last week I joined them in some sprints and running, and I thought I was doing really well keeping up with them until I asked the student running next to me what grade he was in and he said 'grade 2'. That was a reality check.

Ben is now taking it to another level and introducing a healthier diet for the children. He will be working with the tuckshop next year to ensure there is only healthy real food choices available. A big congratulations to Ben but also to the students from Virginia State School who have given up the Xbox for the running track and packets of chips for some fruit and veg.

I am also happy to update the House on the Geebung rail overpass project in the Nudgees electorate. Demolition is well underway, and we are in constant contact with the Brisbane City Council to ensure that this much-needed piece of infrastructure is completed by November 2014. The residents of Geebung and surrounding suburbs know that this completion date cannot come soon enough.

**Mr Crandon:** Do they still have a polo club in Geebung?

**Mr WOODFORTH:** I don't think so. It is well and truly gone. I recently had the pleasure of attending school assembly and awards nights including at Geebung State School, where the girls choir sang for the first time on stage and did not miss a beat. Well done to their singing teacher, Miss Penna, who has done a great job with the girls. I look forward to the next awards day in December when for the first time the boys choir will perform.

I have also been visiting other schools over the last month and interacting with principals, teachers and parents. Those schools have included OLA, Wavell primary, Nudgees College junior and senior schools and Virginia State School. I cannot forget the great Earnshaw State College, where great students have come from such as a past school captain from 1994, the member for Pine Rivers. I have just finished a tour of parliament and had lunch with Earnshaw State College's principal Deb Murphy, senior school deputy Richard Tweney, school captains Kyle Smith and Tamasin Smith and vice captains Mana Small and Brittany Foreman.

Last month I had the pleasure of being a guest at the Wonargo Revue performance by Scouts Queensland at their Northgate den. The performances by the girl and boy scouts was nothing short of exceptional. Well done to you all. May I also congratulate the Golden Circle Cannery at Northgate for celebrating their 65th year. It is a truly iconic Queensland, with their items having adorned the fridges and pantries of almost every Australian home over the last 65 years. Lastly, on the weekend I was able to attend the Banyo RSL Remembrance Day service. It is an honour to represent the government on the day we stop and take a moment from our busy lives and remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Lest we forget.