




Speech by

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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (10.39 pm): I have been heartened by all that is going on in the seat of Coomera and in particular in the area of Eagleby. I opened the local paper this morning, the *Albert and Logan News*, and on page 20 I found a photo of two schoolchildren from Eagleby State School. The article said—

Students at Eagleby State School are competing to be the healthiest of them all with the Healthiest Schools Awards program.

The school was visited by the Boogie Woogies who performed their Eat Smart B Active show to inspire the children to think more about what they eat.

Mr Bleijie: Boogie Woogies matches your tie.

Mr CRANDON: I am sure it does. These young people never fail to amaze me. These children are aiming to get a five-point lunch every day, and let me tell the House what that means. They get one point for each of the food groups as well as for participating in a skipping challenge. That is what they need to do. The article continued with some words from principal Suzanne Jolley—

'It's a great program because they know about the five groups and they're learning about what's healthy and what's not,' she said. 'They're putting pressure on their parents to bring good foods and so far we've seen a difference, it's become a competition between the kids.'

'Good nutrition makes a big difference to their learning too.'

Ms Jolley said the school was likely to continue a similar program after the Education Queensland program finished.

That is the kicker—the bottom line is that they are going to continue with the program. So that is the first thing I wanted to talk about that is happening in the seat of Coomera and in particular Eagleby.

I also visited the TS Walrus, which is the local Navy cadets, for a chat with the young people there. By the way, they are the current Navy League of Australia's most efficient sea cadet unit in Australia for 2011, so you have to hand it to them for that. But, guess what, I was told just the other night that they have been confirmed as one of the seven cadet units right across Australia—out of approximately 100 cadet units—that will be competing for the 2012 award.

We had the Eagleby State School sausage sizzle and car boot sale, which was a great success. We had the Eagleby NAIDOC Family Festival Day—which is the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee day—to celebrate NAIDOC Week. We had the Eagleby Festival, and there were thousands there. That was sponsored by the Heritage Bank, and congratulations go to the Eagleby Community Centre for that. Also, the Twin Rivers Community Mallet Sports Club presented a mower to make sure that the Oliver Sports Complex is even better maintained. It is heartwarming to see that so many good things are happening in Eagleby rather than the bad we hear so much about.