




Speech by
Reg Gulley

MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA

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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

 **Mr GULLEY** (Murrumba—LNP) (3.14 pm): Firstly, I want to congratulate the member for Bundamba on her rendition of Bill and Ben—quite entertaining! I remind her that there would be several karaoke bars in Bundamba that would enjoy her talents.

Mrs Miller: Did you like my drumming?

Mr GULLEY: That, too. On a serious note, I remind the House that we recently celebrated National Reconciliation Week in Queensland, from 27 May to 3 June. That week represented an opportunity for all Queenslanders to be part of the reconciliation process by considering what they can do to improve employment, health and education opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. I had the pleasure of attending a meeting with the Murriajabree Association to learn about the practical steps being taken by the local Murriajabree Association based in Deception Bay. Both the Murriajabree and I appreciated the symbolism of the meeting occurring on Friday, 27 May, being the start of National Reconciliation Week.

The Murriajabree Association offers a comprehensive approach to address Aboriginal disadvantage. It retains cultural integrity and has a strong ongoing support structure for local Aboriginals in areas of work skills, housing, health and community engagement. I look forward to working closely with this successful community, not-for-profit organisation.