




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR KAWANA

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MEMBER'S STATEMENT

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 **Hon. JP BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (2.43 pm): I acknowledge the good people of Kawana who turned out to support the Kawana Interschool Trivia Challenge last week, which I hosted with the support of Talara Primary College and my good friend the education minister and, no, I did not win. The light-hearted, oceanic theme event was a huge success, with more than 15 tables filled with Kawana community members, businesses and school groups from across the electorate going head to head in four rounds of trivia, all for a good cause. I am delighted to confirm that we raised more than \$2,500 for local children's charity SunnyKids. I must acknowledge my esteemed colleague the Hon. John-Paul Langbroek, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, for accepting my invitation to join us on the night.

A government member interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: The minister spoke about the good work the government is doing within the education sector before answering questions from the audience. I thank the minister also for his excellent singing on the night and his colourful pirate outfit as well as his broad general knowledge, which helped our table to win two rounds. I table a copy of a newspaper article featuring the education minister and me.

Tabled paper: Article from *Kawana Weekly*, dated 3 April 2014, titled 'MPs let hair down' [[4871](#)].

Mr Crisafulli interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: I was dressed up. You can see his hat. As well as a successful night for SunnyKids, the evening was memorable for the fabulous MCs, Captain and Tennille, otherwise known as Janet and David Thomas, who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary with all of us. I am sure the funds raised will help SunnyKids continue its great work in the local community.

Also in Kawana, it was great to meet so many Aroona and Kawana Forest residents at my recent mobile office events. It was a beautiful sunny morning and a lovely backdrop to discuss a wide range of local and state-wide issues which were raised with me on the day. I like to be out and about, as a good local member should be—living and working in their electorate, raising their family in their electorate—and these mobile office events are a great way to discuss issues of concern to my constituents close to home. I look forward to the next mobile office events.

I also acknowledge today the installation of new flashing school zone lights at another two schools in the Kawana electorate last week. The lights were switched on along Sportmans Parade outside Kawana Waters State College and on Parklands Boulevard at Meridan State College as part of the government's election commitments. I thank Minister Emerson. I acknowledge him in the chamber. These signs go a long way to remind drivers that they are approaching school zones and that they need to slow down immediately. Schools have welcomed these lights to help improve safety

for parents and students on surrounding roads at peak times. I am pleased that the government, through this good transport minister, is able to deliver this initiative in Kawana.

Still in Kawana, my family and I thoroughly enjoyed last weekend's March against Melanoma Awareness Walk, hosted annually by Melanoma Patients Australia. There were well over 100 people, many dressed in orange, the MPA colour, taking part in the 2.6-kilometre walk, which was great to see—and I lasted the distance. Melanoma is a topic close to my heart, having personally impacted my family as my mother was diagnosed with melanoma. So I was particularly touched by the strong turnout on the day. We enjoy lovely weather on the Sunshine Coast, but with that comes the ever-present danger of skin cancer. I and my family are pleased to do whatever we can to help spread the important sun safety awareness message. I thank all those who turned out on the day and participated in the march.