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## **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

### **Albert Electorate, Events**

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Albert—LNP) (3.31 pm): On Thursday, 4 September, I had the great privilege of attending the Wolffdene Rural Fire Brigade when they had their emergency service cadets in attendance. This is an absolutely fantastic program which is put on by the local PCYC. One of the ideas of this cadets program is that it gives these students life skills which they can use in their future career pathways if they want to go into the fire service, the police et cetera. More importantly, potential employers can actually say, 'This student is proactive. He is getting out there in his community.' It was a great night with the local first officer, Col Veivers, who is certainly a great role model for these young students. They learnt the value of teamwork and how to work together to put out a fire using pumps and water hoses. Overall, it showed them that when you work together you can certainly achieve massive outcomes. I hope that program continues in the long term because I think it is very interesting for the students.

Another topic I want to quickly talk about today is Mount Warren Park State School, which is one of the jewels in my electorate. It is a school with around 780 students. It recently got its NAPLAN results back and it achieved outstanding results—and I mean outstanding—and I will highlight those results. Mount Warren Park State School is making good progress academically. The school made improvements in mean results for 13 out of 15 NAPLAN areas from 2013 to 2014. The school made gains in 12 out of 15 areas in numbers of students above the national minimum standard and upper two bands from 2013 to 2014. These are outstanding results for this little school. The school also has a brilliant program called Bring Your Own Device. It is making inroads into helping the students, especially the ones who are a little bit shy, because they can go away and learn at their own speed. The program is actually proving its worth, and that is certainly evident in the NAPLAN results. I say to Colin Torr, the principal, and to his deputy principals, Michael Burkin and Melissa Bailey, that you and your staff are doing an absolutely fantastic job at your school, so keep up the good work.