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Coomera Electorate, Anzac Day

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (12.31 am): Anzac Day commemorations are alive and well in the state seat of Coomera. To raise more awareness in our young people I jointly sponsored a competition with the north Gold Coast sub-branch of the RSL. I am pleased to advise the House that the competition was supported by many of my schools. Chloe Russell from Woongoolba State School won our junior section, grades 5 to 7. Her topic was 'the significance of Anzac Day'. Chloe presented at a late morning service at Upper Coomera. Jacob Milner from Helensvale State High School won our senior section, grades 8 to 10. His topic was 'my Anzac Day hero'. Jacob presented at our Helensvale dawn service. We presented a beautiful book to each student on the Anzac Day story as well as a certificate.

The first commemoration I attended was on Monday of the Easter weekend at Palm Lake Resort in the north of my electorate, a beautiful service which included a parade lead by our very own naval cadets from *TS Walrus* and a piper. I am proud to say that *TS Walrus* received The Most Premier Unit award in 2012. Participants had to excel in leadership, teamwork, dress and bearing, maritime activities, emergency response procedures and ceremonial standards. They won against 92 training ships from right around Australia. I digress. Let me come back to the Palm Lake Resort briefly. Palm Lake is a vibrant community that only lacks a regular bus service, which I am fighting for as we speak. I digress again. This year the schools that I attended were Ormeau State School, Coomera River State School and Helensvale State School. In addition, I proudly represented the RSL as guest speaker at my newest school, Pimpama State Secondary College. All of these schools demonstrated a deep appreciation of the solemnness of Anzac Day with each service beautifully conducted.

It is worth commenting on the enthusiastic support our badge sellers received at our many shopping centre booths. One of the booths indicated that they sold over \$7,000 worth of badges and other paraphernalia. On the 25th I attended the dawn service at Club Helensvale at the southern end of the Coomera electorate, a service that is possible because of the huge efforts of the north Gold Coast sub-branch of the RSL, followed by the ever-popular \$7 gunfire breakfast at Club Helensvale. The Pimpama-Ormeau morning service at the Uniting Church at Pimpama was next. I am sure many would remember saluting the digger as they passed by as a young person. I can confirm that all the local children carry on the tradition of saluting the digger, including my grandchildren when we travel to Highway Christian Church on Sunday mornings. Finally, I attended the late morning service at Upper Coomera at the newly built community centre, with a beautiful commemoration wall where our growing numbers marched to the applause of a growing crowd that gathers before the service commences.