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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.54 pm): So much is happening by way of celebration in the northern Gold Coast region, not the least of which is this weekend the eighth Ormeau Lions Fair. The eighth Ormeau Lions Fair was first instigated to help mums and dads and their back pocket. It was an alternative to the Ekka. It was the brainchild of one of the local Lions club members. He put it together with the Ormeau Lions Club which does a fantastic job year after year after year. As far as the stalls are concerned, they are sold out yet again this year. They sold out months before the opening. It has turned out to be so successful that it has completely exhausted the man whose mind turned to it in the first place and he has retired now down towards the border. The Lions club has taken it on with gusto again this year and it is doing a fantastic job. Importantly, it is a big relief to the back pockets of mums and dads; they do not have to take their kids to the Brisbane Ekka because they can take them to the Ormeau ekka. They do not know the difference. There are so many things for them to do at the Ormeau ekka and they thoroughly enjoy it.

Next weekend we have the fourth birthday celebration of Twin Rivers Mallet Sports, a fantastic group of around about 70 people. They also have a youth program. The mallet sports club is the brainchild of a local who just dreamed it up, formed a partnership with the local cricket club and from there the rest is history. It is a completely different type of activity and one that the young people in the area are certainly taking on as well.

A celebration of another sort is the opening of the new Pimpama Primary School. Congratulations to Donna Gosling, the principal of the new school. We joined to meet for the first time with the local parents to discuss names and uniforms and so forth and to give them a bit of an overview. This is Principal Donna Gosling's fourth new school. Can you believe that? It is also her second independent public school. I met with her last Monday. She is so enthusiastic about where to from here. She will bring a wealth of experience to this brand new school on the Gold Coast—in fact, the northern Gold Coast and the Coomera electorate, the fastest growing electorate, has seven new schools in six years.