




Speech By
Hon. Tim Mander

MEMBER FOR EVERTON

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MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

van Vree, Mr P; Everton Electorate, School Fetes

 **Hon. TL MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Minister for Housing and Public Works) (2.36 pm): I appreciate the opportunity to speak about some of the things that are happening in my electorate. Firstly, I want to pay tribute to a constituent from my electorate who also happens to be a parliamentary security officer who is retiring next week. Mr Peter van Vree is somebody who has given great service here for the last eight years. Anybody who has come in contact with Peter would realise what an absolutely delightful man he is—somebody who makes people incredibly welcome and who has carried out his duties here as a security officer in a way that has really brought honour to this parliament. Peter has had eight years service here, but previous to being here he had 22 or 23 years as a police officer. So he has had an outstanding career as a public servant—somebody who has literally served the public in so many different ways. I wish Peter and his family all of the best as he retires and thank him very much for the outstanding service that he has given to this parliament and wish him all of the best as he, I believe, makes an investment in a campervan and plans to enjoy his retirement travelling around Queensland and exploring some of those parts that he probably did not get to see as a policeman. Peter, I look forward to seeing you in the electorate continuing to give me advice about some of the things that we need to get done. I have appreciated that and wish you well for the future.

I also want to acknowledge some of the great community events that have occurred in my electorate over the last few months, and of course winter is the school fete season. There was a fabulous fete at Albany Creek State School with some wonderful events. One of the highlights was my sponsoring of the Tim Mander pork and crackling stakes, which was one of the pig races. I was also fortunate enough to actually draw the pig that won, which was a bit embarrassing but I donated the prize to the second prize pig, which was the pig in the yellow apron. I had the blue apron. That was great. I also spent some time in the dunking machine's incredibly freezing cold water when people donated money to dunk me. That was a great experience as well and it was great to get into the spirit of the day. It was a very successful fundraiser. There was another fete at the Prince of Peace college, which is one of the private schools.

Mr Ruthenberg: Good school!

Mr MANDER: That is right; it is a Lutheran school that the member for Kallangur would know a lot about, as would the member for Murrumba, who used to work there. It was a fantastic day. It was a great celebration and a great community event. It is great to have those organisations in the electorate.