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**ADJOURNMENT**

**PCYC, Time4Kids**

 **Mr WATTS** (Toowoomba North—LNP) (9.21 pm): I am not here to play possum tonight; I am here to talk about something quite serious. I recently had a run-in with a police sergeant in Toowoomba, Cam Crisp, who had cause to lock me up for a period of time. Sergeant Cam Crisp runs our PCYC, and I was locked up for the Time4Kids event that was held in Toowoomba.

The PCYC is a great establishment in Toowoomba and they provide a lot of opportunities. I was fortunate enough to be locked up with WIN TV's Caitlin Holding. The main purpose of the event was to try and raise money and awareness of the PCYC's activities in my community. The PCYC has been in operation since 1948 and operates basically from the Cape to the Gold Coast and out west as well.

In Toowoomba they have a lot of different events. I have a few friends who go down there and teach parkour and different sorts of gymnastic events. I went along to their awards ceremony last year, where we saw children as young as three learning to box and as young as four doing karate and other activities. As everybody would know, the PCYC is a not-for-profit organisation. It provides affordable and positive sporting, recreation, social and cultural programs in a safe and accessible environment. I would encourage everybody to get down to their PCYC and have a look at the different activities that they operate.

My local PCYC had a target of raising \$7,500 through this event, and this year Cam Crisp, the coordinator of the PCYC there, had cause to lock up a fair few real estate agents and a couple of other local politicians as well. Thanks very much to other inmates Katie Knight, Dan Dwan, Tye Thies, Mike Stewart, Mayor Paul Antonio and Councillor John Gouldson, all of whom gave up some of their time and were 'locked up' to encourage people to donate money.

I would like to thank the businesses and some of the individuals who sponsored me so that I could get out. The money will go to a great cause, and I know that the PCYC in my area is operating several before- and after-school events at different schools, particularly the Harlaxton school, where good numbers turn up. It allows parents to get off to work and provides the kids with a really good opportunity to interact and to learn some new activities, including various sporting activities.

In summary, I would just tell everybody to get down and visit your PCYC. Next year when Time4Kids comes around, get out and get locked up to raise a few dollars for them.