



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR WARREGO**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Warrego Electorate, Anniversary Celebrations**

 **Ms LEAHY** (Warrego—LNP) (10.57 pm): There have been some important celebrations and anniversaries in my electorate. I have been delighted to join school communities for the celebration of 130-, 100- and 50-year anniversaries and also the Roma Rotary Club for its 75th anniversary.

I was able to visit the Bollon State School at the opening of the time capsule, which was sealed at the previous 100-year anniversary. The capsule's contents had been underwater three times, but on the day emerged unscathed. I would like to congratulate the Bollon P&C members, Principal Vanessa Summer and staff member Tiki North, as well as the locals who travelled back to Bollon for the day to celebrate the school's milestone.

I joined Meandarra State School for its M100 celebrations. Celebrating 100 years of education in Meandarra is a great achievement, given that some years ago a fire burnt the administration block and damaged other buildings. Many valuable records and resources were lost. I thank Linda Brimblecome and the Meandarra State School P&C M100 Centenary Committee for organising the events over the weekend. I say well done to Kathryn McDonald for the compilation of the history of the school.

Seventy-five years ago the Roma Rotary Club was chartered. On 19 September 2015 the club held a celebration dinner. It was an outstanding occasion. Over the years the club has been instrumental in a long list of local and international community projects, activities and events.

The region has been a huge beneficiary of the local help and selfless service of Roma Rotarians like Bob Pack, Paul Anderson, Bryan Payne, Greg Gibson, Andrew Harvey, Greg Shaw, Noel Dillon, Russell Grulke, Bruce Garvie, Ron Pollock, Baden Waldron, Barry McCabe, Des Dore, Bill Sheehan and many other members over the past 75 years. I apologise to them for not having enough time to name them all tonight. I must also include their wives, partners and children who are frequent helpers of the Roma club. I thank the Rotary members and their supporters for their efforts as they truly have been a gift locally and worldwide.

Without a fire or a flood in their history the Dunkeld State School celebrated their 50-year milestone recently. I congratulate Joy Foott and her team for the organisation of the day. Local orator Kent Morris wrote a poem about the Dunkeld jubilee. I would like to share with members the last parts of the poem. It reads—

That a bush bred education  
Is the best that there can be  
I for one would wish her  
A Happy Jubilee