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### Moggill Scout Group, Kenmore Girl Guides

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (1.26 am): Tonight, I rise to speak about the Moggill Scout Group and the Kenmore Girl Guides. Recently I attended the annual general meetings of both organisations.

The Moggill Scout Group was established in 1975 and had its den constructed in 1978 in Bellbowrie. Scouts take part in an extraordinary variety of outdoor activities, from traditional scouting skills such as camping and bushcraft, through to more extreme challenges such as abseiling, overnight hiking, rafting, rock climbing and sailing. Scouting is a worldwide movement that has shaped the development of youth and adults for more than 100 years. Community Scouts are the most successful youth organisation in Australia and the world. The Moggill Scout Group is definitely about fun, but it also prepares young people for life in the adult world by teaching responsibility for one's own actions. I pay tribute to Susan Grantham, group leader of the Moggill Scout Group, and her team of volunteers who give so freely of their time so that our boys and young men and women can challenge their bodies as well as their minds.

The Kenmore Girl Guides also has a proud history. In July 1962, a single Girl Guide unit began meeting at the Kenmore Presbyterian Church Hall. In 1967, the group moved to its current hut on Moggill Road in Kenmore and by 1980 it was one of the most significant districts in Queensland. From those humble beginnings, they continue to be one of the largest guiding districts in Australia, with nine units and over 200 members ranging in age from six to 86. Girl Guides is one of the largest organisations in Australia for girls and young women. It provides leadership and personal skills development to its 30,000 members, including 22,000 youth members. A strong and active presence in the local community, they are known for getting involved, whether that be baking thousands of Anzac biscuits and serving at the Kenmore Anzac Day Parade, serving water to the diggers on the Anzac Day march in Brisbane's CBD, collecting rubbish from the Moggill Creek catchment during Clean-Up Australia Day or raising funds for other worthy community causes.

Similar to the Scouts, the four main elements in the Guide program are: self—being a Guide is all about challenging oneself; physical—being active, healthy and strong; people—making friends, sharing and understanding others; and practical—learning some skills that will help you through life. All activities the girls do, from weekly meetings and camps to expeditions and hikes, are driven by the girls themselves with input and assistance from their leaders. I strongly recommend to parents that they consider joining up their children to one of those very worthwhile groups and maybe even volunteering some of their own spare time to help out. My wife, Jane, certainly enjoyed her time as a Brownie and Guide in Kenmore and my step-daughter Charley has also developed great skills, particularly now having progressed to being a Ranger.

I would also like to acknowledge Region Leader Dot Dalglish and the committee of the Kenmore district for the very important community work they undertake. I am proud of their dedication and commitment and the terrific contribution they make to young people in the electorate of Moggill.