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 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (12.25 am): I rise to speak about an amazing number of events that took place in the electorate of Everton on the weekend. We had two school fetes, one at Albany Hills State School and one at McDowall State School. Fetes had not been held for a few years there. I thank the organisers of the Albany Hills school fete because they did not have a dunking machine, which I really appreciated, whereas the McDowall school had a pitch burst, which is a little different to a dunking machine. I do not know if members have seen a pitch burst. People throw at a target, which is a balloon above your head. If members go to my website they will see it operating in slow motion. It is fantastic vision. Those were two very good events.

On the weekend, I also attended two trophy days. The Albany Creek Brumbies is a very successful Rugby Union club. Last year a couple of its teams went through undefeated, which is a fantastic feat. The ACE Football Club, home of the Albany Creek Excaliburs, is a very big club. Probably it has the largest number of juniors on the north side of Brisbane. It was great to visit that club and also to hear later on that the club that they feed into, the Moreton Bay United Football Club, won the premiership. Congratulations to them on a fantastic result. On Sunday I went to the Mitchie Football Club to watch the under 18s play. They won the grand final in extra time. Congratulations to their coach, Skie Hanifin, who is a fantastic guy. The club is really happy about that particular result.

Sunday was National Bilby Day, which is celebrated right across the country. We celebrated it in the Bunyaville Environmental Education Centre, which is in the Bunyaville State Forest Park in the middle of my electorate. It was great to go there, because this is not about just saving bilbies. The bilby is symbolic of all the endangered species that we need to protect in this country. It was great to spend time with the guys who promote the bilby and every other endangered species.

On Sunday night, we had the 25-year celebration dinner for the Picabeen community centre, which is in the seat of the Ashgrove, but obviously it covers a whole lot of electorates in the north-west, including my electorate. It was great to go along to the Tavener cafe on Blackwood Street to celebrate the past 25 years and to hear a number of young students sing for free. It was an opportunity for them to have great exposure. It was a very busy weekend in the electorate of Everton.