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**ADJOURNMENT**

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 **Mr WATTS** (Toowoomba North—LNP) (6.52 pm): I rise to talk about a few events that have been happening in Toowoomba, and particularly in my electorate. I was very pleased to attend the 80th anniversary of the lady's section of the Toowoomba Bowls Club the other day. I would like to thank president, Margaret Podmore, and secretary, Dianne Cunningham, for the invitation.

Members in the House tonight might be interested to know that the women's club was started 35 years after the men's club. Its founding member was William Groom, one of the fathers of Toowoomba. It was a great event. It was nice to see the women's bowls community from the Darling Downs come together. They had a good, fun day. They certainly enjoyed celebrating their 80th anniversary.

The following day I was fortunate enough to go to Gemfest, which was held at Centenary Heights, which is in the electorate of my friend and colleague Dr John McVeigh. It was their jade anniversary. For 35 years the Toowoomba Lapidary Club has been holding Gemfest. I thank David Radke and Ron Tillack for their invitation to come and open the event. It is always an interesting event. A lot of grey nomads travelling through Toowoomba attend the event and enjoy the day looking at the various lapidary items available.

I enjoyed my Saturday last week. I got to go to a couple of spring fairs. The first I attended was at Fairview Heights State School. It was the 20th birthday celebration for Fairview Heights State School. They sealed a time capsule. I look forward to it being opened in 30 years time. I am hoping I will still be around to see that. I thank principal, Julie Raitelli, for the invitation to attend. It was great to see all the dance performances held that day.

I then went over to Mater Dei Spring Fair. I thank the principal, Chris Bartlett, and the P&C for the invitation. That was a particularly fun day. The Catholics certainly know how to do a spring fair! The kids were down in one section and a little further up there was music, a bar and a great atmosphere for parents to relax and enjoy the spring fair. I stayed with those guys for a little while.

The following day, Sunday, I went to the Mary MacKillop Catholic College's secondary college open day. I would like to thank principals, Peter Murphy and Donagh Shirley, for the invitation to have a look at the new buildings as they are being constructed. It was interesting to have a look around. It will be the second high school available to the families of Highfields. That was approved during our last term in government. I really did enjoy the day looking around the school and looking at the facilities. Go the Wallabies!