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 **Mrs LAUGA** (Keppel—ALP) (6.54 pm): I rise tonight to congratulate a number of community organisations and a school in my electorate and surrounds that are celebrating birthdays in 2016. Firstly, I wish the Yeppoon Scouts a very happy 90th birthday. Recently I presented the Scouts with a new barbecue as a birthday present. It is great to see the new Doug Pease 'Emu' memorial shed, constructed with funds from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, is proving very useful for storing the canoes, a trailer and all of the Scouts' gear. Scouts is a great activity for young people. I was really impressed by the set-up, the Scout leaders and the den. Congratulations to Kaylene Williams and Trish Allardice for all of their efforts organising the anniversary celebrations.

Congratulations also to the Yeppoon Probus Club on their 30th birthday. It was an honour and a privilege to attend the birthday celebrations at Kanangra Heights recently, where the first changeover dinner was held 29 years ago. I was very pleased to present Yeppoon Probus President, Inge Pedersen, and the club with a commemorative clock as a birthday gift. The special guest was the President of the Probus Association Queensland, Judy Brockett, who gave an insight as to the future of Probus in coming years. The club's longest serving member, Bert Rialls, gave a history talk on the club's activities since he became a member.

As patron of the Emu Park Surf Lifesaving Club, I would also like to wish the Emu Park Surf Lifesaving Club a very happy 60th birthday. It was a delight to celebrate the club's birthday recently with president, Mark Wyer, secretary and Emu Park Surf Lifesaving Club stalwart, John Phelan, and friends. The Emu Park Surf Lifesaving Club was formed in 1956, with the clubhouse being built in 1960 and officially opened by then mayor, Rex Pilbeam. When the club was first formed, it had around 10 to 12 members and has grown to be one of the biggest surf lifesaving clubs on the Capricorn Coast with 65 lifesavers and 140 junior nippers. The Emu Park Surf Lifesaving Club's great history and success is as a result of the many decades of dedicated lifesavers this club has produced. Happy 60th birthday Emu Park Surf Lifesaving Club and thank you for everything you do for our community.

Congratulations also to the Cathedral College on their 25th anniversary. Congratulations to school community members, parents and friends, the college board, including chairperson Bridget Bongers, Principal Rob Alexander, Diocesan Director of Catholic Education, Leesa Jeffcoat, and all of the staff, students and school community who have worked tirelessly to make TCC the great school that it is, just 25 years young. I was very pleased to present the school with a book for their birthday recently.

Tomorrow night I will be attending the 10th annual Indigenous Awards Night for Schools which is being organised by Darumbal Community Youth Services. The awards night is a celebration of our young Indigenous students across a number of public schools within the Rockhampton and Yeppoon regions. Thank you to CEO, Nyoka Fetoa'i, for the invitation and best wishes to all of the nominees. I look forward to celebrating with you tomorrow night.