



Speech By  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Kenmore Meals on Wheels; Moggill Electorate, Events; India Day Fair; Toowoomba, Recycling Initiatives**

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.20 am): I rise tonight to acknowledge the Kenmore Meals on Wheels organisation, which has been servicing the residents of Kenmore and surrounding suburbs for over 30 years. Kenmore Meals on Wheels services a large area including the suburbs of Anstead, Bellbowrie, Brookfield, Chapel Hill, Fig Tree Pocket, Karana Downs, Kenmore, Kenmore Hills, Lake Manchester and many other suburbs in my electorate.

Meals on Wheels generally is embedded within the fabric of our psyche and also our communities. Social connections are formed and health outcomes are improved by this iconic service. Not only do Meals on Wheels volunteers provide quality meals to their clients; they also, and just as importantly, provide regular social contact, which is of great benefit and support to family and friends who are unable to visit their loved ones on a regular basis. The delivery volunteers also monitor their clients for any changes in their health and then they are able to offer sensitive intervention if and as required.

I pay tribute to Heather Heyen, who has been the coordinator of the Kenmore Meals on Wheels organisation for the past four years. Heather and her band of 200 volunteers look after some 75 clients day after day, week after week and often year after year. Their generosity and goodwill make a positive contribution to my local community and many people's lives. Such wonderful volunteers, by providing home delivered, nutritious meals to local residents, enable many to remain independent and living in the homes that they cherish and love.

Meals on Wheels bridges all social, economic and cultural divides. Client ages range from younger people with a psychological or physical disability to those older members of our community who are determined to stay independent for as long as possible. For anyone with spare time on their hands, Meals on Wheels is a very worthwhile organisation. The organisation is always on the lookout for volunteers who may be able to assist with invoicing, providing handyman assistance or helping with general administration. If anyone has spare time once a week, once a fortnight or even once a month, I know that Heather and her management committee would be delighted to hear from them. I congratulate the volunteers of Kenmore Meals on Wheels on their outstanding and ongoing service within the electorate of Moggill.

In the time remaining to me, I acknowledge the organising committee of this year's Brookfield Long Lunch. It was a great day for all of those attended. I also enjoyed the recent India Day Fair, held at the Roma Street Parkland. Recently, the Kenmore Scouts Group celebrated its 50-year anniversary. I congratulate group leader, Dr Annie Ross, volunteers, parents and many others for their contribution to the social, emotional and educational development of young people in my local area over many years.

Finally, the Rotary Club of Karana Downs held a very informative community health forum at Karana Downs. I say well done to president Harrison Evans as well as David and Mary Kearney and many others for educating and reducing the stigma of mental illness and building community resilience, particularly in the areas of Karana Downs and Mount Crosby.

Finally, recently I also visited Toowoomba. I thank the members for Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South and Condamine for accompanying me on that visit.

**Mr Watts:** Great members.

**Dr ROWAN:** They are great members. We got to see some local businesses that are involved in recycling and also undertook a number of meetings with local environmental organisations. I thank those members for their time and their advocacy for the people of Toowoomba and also for the Darling Downs region.