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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Seniors Week**

**Mrs SMITH** (Mount Ommaney—LNP) (5.13 pm): On Friday, 19 August I hosted the Mount Ommaney annual Seniors Week morning tea. This is the fourth year I have held the event. It was a pleasure to have the member for Clayfield, the Leader of the Opposition, join us on such a joyous occasion. The calibre of our seniors should always be celebrated and never underestimated. Over 200 attendees, including returned servicemen from World War II, attended. We had a range of former professionals, residents, community volunteers and leaders come along. We were very much entertained by the former Wallabies coach, John Connolly.

**Mr Costigan:** Knuckles!

**Mrs SMITH:** Exactly. One of the questions to win a prize was why he was named Knuckles, but that is another story. We were highly entertained with tales of his experiences, especially in his former life as coach of a very successful Wallabies team.

Schools in the electorate provided musical entertainment for our seniors which was very much enjoyed. Our talented junior choir sang so beautifully. The morning tea was held when the Rio Olympics was on and the choir performed Rio-inspired themes. Thank you to the Jamboree Heights State School choir and their wonderful music teacher, Ms Jane Hooper. The Corinda State High School clarinet quartet was also in attendance. There was one particular young lad in the quartet who had been at parliament earlier that week for National Science Week because he had been to NASA. He is a very, very talented young man with an extremely bright future. One of the favourite pieces that was played was one members might remember from the movie *The Sting* with Paul Newman and Robert Redford: *The Entertainer*. The four of them played that classic piece so beautifully. All in all, it was an extremely entertaining morning. It was wonderful to have over 200 attendees come along and join in for friendship, fun and celebrations. I think it is important to recognise and appreciate the calibre of our seniors.