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 **Mrs SMITH** (Mount Ommaney—LNP) (10.46 pm): My mantra is local issues are best fixed with local solutions. I think it is an ideal opportunity tonight, as we approach the end of the year, to reflect on what has been an eventful and unforgettable 2016, both here in Australia and around the world. Tonight I would particularly like to draw to the attention of the House the electorate of Mount Ommaney and some of the local issues we have solved and some of the great local community milestones that we have celebrated.

We celebrated 50 years of the Jindalee State School this year. That is 50 years of education in the Mount Ommaney electorate. It is a beautiful little school. We celebrated that occasion with a fete. It was a great fundraiser as well. It is a lovely little school that really does punch above its weight.

In terms of services clubs, we celebrated the Jindalee Lions Club 50th year last Sunday at the Jindalee Bowls Club. Some 50 years they have been around servicing the electorate of Mount Ommaney. We actually had a couple of original members attend the 50th anniversary. It was great to see so many volunteers and supporters.

I also had the opportunity to take the shadow minister for environment, the member for Moggill, along to the 20-year celebration of the Centenary and District Environment Action group. We are also celebrating 20 years this year of OCCA. Both organisations are very passionate and keen on working on and in our local environment.

We saw great festivities with the Darra Street Festival that goes from strength to strength every year. Then of course there was everybody's favourite, which gets bigger every year, the Centenary Rocks! riverside festival. Our region continues to go from strength to strength. I certainly would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the residents and community stalwarts who year in and year out make our community tick.

Finally, I would like to mention the Centenary Salvation Army Christmas carols which will be held again this year. It is a great opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the festive spirit. That is on at Peter Lightfoot oval this Sunday at four o'clock. I invite any parliamentary members to attend. It is always a wonderful night when the community gets together and sings some favourite Christmas carols. I am not too sure whether the 12 days of Christmas is on the list, but we will see what we can do. In the Christmas spirit, I would also like to extend a very merry Christmas to all of the local residents. I look very much forward to getting back to work early next year on our local issues. As I said, when we work together locally we find local solutions.