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 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (6.42 pm): One of the things I noticed in my first year as a member of parliament representing Greenslopes was the lack of local celebrations of major community days and events like Australia Day, Queensland Day, Youth Week, Multicultural Week or Senior's Week. I should note that we have four very well supported and organised Anzac Day services at the Holland Park-Mt Gravatt RSL Sub-Branch, Greenslopes Private Hospital, Coorparoo RSL and Camp Hill State School.

After speaking to many local residents, organisations and businesses about this issue, I suggested that we organise a small event to celebrate Australia Day. I am pleased that local people, businesses and community groups were good to their word and they supported this event enthusiastically for the second year in a row.

I wanted to publicly thank the many organisations and businesses that have supported the event. Bendigo Bank Holland Park branch; Terri Butler MP, federal member for Griffith; All Real Foods; Kennards Hire; Diversional Therapy Technologies; and the Islamic Council of Queensland have all supported this event financially.

Seville Road State School P&C provided the venue and the food for the day. It is a fantastic venue and a great school at the heart of our community. The Women's Creative Centre and St Stephen's Anglican Church provided cake and craft stalls. Road2Art's Leigh Lynam led a community art project and was the face painter extraordinaire. Music was provided by the bands from the Marc Jo Hope Music School. They are amazingly talented performers.

Victor Street Scouts, Holland Park Hawks Soccer Club and AFL Queensland all provided sporting activities for the young and young at heart, even though it was very hot. Kim Peries from Pet City supported the event and kept the crowd entertained with hermit crab racing. Kim and the Southside Chamber of Commerce support the local community in so many ways, and I truly appreciate their involvement.

Special thanks to Bunnings Mt Gravatt and McDonald's Coorparoo for supplying prizes for the raffles and to the *South-East Advertiser* for promoting the event. I would also like to specially thank Mr Tony Brown, who, in addition to his work as president of the Seton College P&F, found time to help to organise the event.

Perhaps the nicest aspect of this day was the opportunity to raise money for our local charity, the Scarlett May Foundation. This foundation was started by Aiden and Renee Lamberth following the death of their daughter Scarlett. They took a personal tragedy and turned it into an organisation that provides practical support to families who have children in neonatal and paediatric intensive care units.

The community response to the event was fantastic. It shows that people are really looking for the opportunity to come together to celebrate and build our community. I am certainly looking forward, as are all those organisations, to doing this again next year. I wish to thank all those people who made this possible.