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Greenslopes Electorate, Scouts and Girl Guides

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (10.21 pm): There are four great Girl Guide and Scouts organisations in the electorate of Greenslopes: Wynola Girl Guides, Holland Park Girl Guides and the Victor and Majestic Park Scout groups. I have seen the great work of these organisations in our community. I have visited various activities of each group at their huts, observed their members at Anzac Day commemorations and witnessed the charitable work they do in the community. This great work is rewarded with waiting lists for membership for every single group. The leaders and volunteers in all of these groups are inspirational. I have previously spoken about the Wynola Girl Guides when they were celebrating their 90th anniversary, and in particular I mentioned Dixie, who has been a leader since 1968. We should acknowledge the huge difference that leaders like Dixie have made to the lives of young people in our community.

Over the last few years my family has become a part of the scouting movement. It has been an overwhelmingly positive experience for my entire family. I have watched my daughters grow in confidence as they learn new skills, push themselves to attempt new challenges, build their independence, make new friends and, most importantly, just have fun. I should acknowledge Echidna and Hawkeye at Victor Scouts who have been outstanding leaders, not just in the Scouts but in our community. I spoke about the benefits I have witnessed for my own kids, and I know that every parent would want those things for their kids: new skills, increased confidence, new friends and fun.

I was so pleased to learn that Nursery Road Special School has recently established a Scouts group so that young people with a disability can enjoy the benefits of the scouting. It gave me great pleasure to join the Nursery Road Special School Scout group for a parade recently. I greatly enjoyed having afternoon tea with Billy, Bailey, Eden, Stephen, Ethan, Monique, Alexander, Riley and Finn. We then moved to the parade ground and raised the flag. It was wonderful to watch the Scouts using communication boards to recite the Scout promise. I would like to table a copy of the communication board that contains the Scout promise.

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After parade we moved on to the activity of the day. The Scouts certainly put me in my place when it came to bowling. We had a fantastic game of bowls and I saw the Scouts growing in confidence, attempting new challenges, making new friends and having fun. I would like to thank Wendy Windley, who is the leader of the group. Thanks should also go to Scouts Queensland regional development and support officer Karl Lingard for assisting to establish this troop. I would also like to thank the mother of the principal of the Nursery Road Special School, who donated the uniforms for the group to get started. I wish this group all the best in the future. I know they will have many years of scouting, and I know this will bring great joy to themselves and their entire families.

I would like to finish by wishing the best of luck to all the Scouts from my electorate who are undertaking Night Hawk this Saturday. Scouts as young as 12, including my daughter, will be walking through the night out near Pittsworth—no doubt a chilly, challenging and uplifting experience from which they will all return much better people as a result of being involved in the Scouting movement.