




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Burleigh Heads State School

 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (2.45 pm): On the weekend one of the stalwarts of Burleigh, the Burleigh Heads State School, celebrated its 100th anniversary—a state school that has been in existence for 100 years in a little place like Burleigh. It started as a very small school, I understand, in 1917 with 11 students. In the 100 years it has been in existence it has moved around Burleigh. It has moved from, I understand, out near the Stockland shopping centre, which is where it started, to its present location near the beach and the highway at Burleigh.

Over the years a number of wonderful students have attended the school. One of those is our very own member for Surfers Paradise, John-Paul Langbroek, and his sister, Kate. There must be something funny about Burleigh Heads State School because not only did Kate go there but Carl Barron went there as well. I have noticed that all of the students there have a wonderful smile on their face. They are all very happy, so I think there must be something in the water down there or at the school.

Over the weekend there were a couple of really great events held there. On Saturday night they had 200 people in the local school hall for a past students night. They served 200 people a smorgasbord meal. It was fantastic. We heard from some of the past students who had been there in the 1930s and 1940s. They told us what used to happen in school—things like bottled milk being provided to the students. I am sure there are a few members here—probably not too many—who will remember the occasion of getting flavoured milk at school. It was one of those stalwarts that we all really loved.

The present principal is Peter Tong. He has been there for nine years. I would particularly like to single out the deputy principal, Carol Brown. Carol has been there for over 40 years. She is known by everybody in the school. It was amazing on Saturday night to see all these people coming up to her and saying, 'Miss Brown, you were my teacher years and years ago.'

On Sunday they had their school fair. Unfortunately, Mr Deputy Speaker, if you were watching the weather radar on Sunday, you would have seen that it was a pretty miserable day. I think we had two inches of rain as we set up tents in the morning. I had an information booth there and talked to dozens and dozens of people. Unfortunately, I think I had an inch of water flushing through my tent at one stage, and I have completely lost a pair of shoes. It was a wonderful weekend. I thoroughly enjoyed it. The people of Burleigh Heads State School should be congratulated on the event they put on.

(Time expired)