



Speech By Tim Mander

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ADJOURNMENT

Everton Electorate, Neighbourhood Day; Youngcare

Mr MANDER (Everton—LNP) (5.44 pm): I rise to speak about two events that will be occurring in my electorate in the coming months about which I am quite excited. On 9 April this year we will have Neighbourhood Day. There will be a series of events at Teralba Park at Everton Park, in the middle of my electorate. It will be a picnic race day with three-legged races, sack races and egg-and-spoon races. It will be open to the community free of charge. The local Rotary will be doing a sausage sizzle. YWAM will have its inflatable soccer pitch. The scouts and girl guides will be there along with local community groups and emergency services. It will be a great free day. It is all about promoting community and connecting with your neighbour. It is something we have done for the past couple of years and it has been very successful.

This year there will be an added bonus. The Easter egg hunt, which used to happen just down the road in the electorate of Aspley, has outgrown its previous location and is coming to my electorate. That Easter egg hunt is sponsored by local business Madeleine Hicks Real Estate. The combined Neighbourhood Day and Easter egg hunt means that literally thousands of people will be coming to Teralba Park.

I am also excited to talk about the pending opening of the Youngcare centre at Albany Creek. As most people in the House would know, Youngcare is a great organisation providing dignity and a home for young people who are disabled. In the past their only care option has been aged-care facilities. I am proud to have this organisation in my electorate. One of the great honours I had as the minister for housing and public works was helping to arrange for a gift of land to Youngcare so that it could build this facility, which will be opening in the middle of May.

On that day I will be launching Walk for Youngcare. Along with a number of other people I will be doing a walk around the electorate. We will start with an open day at the centre on Albany Creek Road. We will visit local schools and invite them to be part of a fundraising effort. We will walk from there to Mitchelton Special School, at the other end of the electorate. That is a school and a community that appreciates what Youngcare does, with very personal experience. It will be a great day. It will be a great chance to fundraise and show that Youngcare is welcome in our community. We look forward to its opening.