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 **Mr WATTS** (Toowoomba North—LNP) (9.26 pm): I rise to update the House on a few different events that have been happening in Toowoomba North. I received an invitation from Stacey Trindall, the community education officer at Harristown State High School, to attend the flag-raising ceremony for NAIDOC Week. I have known Stacey for many years. She does a great job there. The education results of the kids in the Clontarf program at Harristown State High School are a real tribute to all of the people there working with the community.

I also went along to the Vinnies Community Sleepout, where I got to know Nick Barker from Hutchies a little better. He was dressed up as B1 and raised nearly \$6,000 that night. It was a great night that was well supported by many people from the corporate sector in Toowoomba. I had a quick trip to Harlaxton State High School to plant a tree on Schools Tree Day. I thank Maxine Lester for the invitation to come along and plant a tree with the kids.

Another celebrity sleepout was organised by The Base in Toowoomba, which is our soup kitchen. Nat and Tiff Spary do a fantastic job there and recently launched a new coffee van called Second Shot. They do a power of work for the homeless and the hungry in Toowoomba. The Great White Campaign in Toowoomba had a function to raise some money with the objective of eventually getting a neurosurgeon to Toowoomba. The Heads and Hearts Safety in Sports luncheon was held. Larry Pickering came up and drew some cartoons. It was just fabulous to have a bloke like him there.

Hang Your Boss Out to Dry was a fundraiser for the Toowoomba Hospice. Graham Barron needs to be congratulated for the work the hospice does in Toowoomba. Rob Weymouth and Nick Barker from Hutchies sponsored me to go up on to a crane in order to raise a few dollars.

I also attended the It's a Bloke Thing lunch, which was held to raise money for prostate cancer. In Toowoomba in one day they raised \$1.54 million. The committee consists of Liz Wagner, Maralyn Fitzgibbons, Hayley Hubbard, Kelli Russell, Melissa Templeman, John Wagner, John Fitzgibbons, Marcus Barnard, Michael Hubbard, David Russell and Gary Gardner. These people should be congratulated for the amount of awareness and money they have brought to the cause of prostate cancer.