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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Moggill Electorate, Anzac Day**

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (10.40 pm): I rise to highlight a number of services that were held on Anzac Day 2018 in the electorate of Moggill and to make particular mention of the late Corporal Mathew Hopkins. Corporal Hopkins was killed whilst serving with the 7th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment in Afghanistan on Monday, 16 March 2009. He was 21 years old. Mathew was a Kenmore State High School student from 2000 to 2004. On Friday, 27 April 2018 Kenmore State High School officially opened a walkway in his honour, the Mathew Hopkins Avenue. The concept of naming the school's walkways began with an idea generated by the 2016 Kenmore State High School year 12 school leaders. Current year 12 prefect Tessa Van Swinderen spoke about a connection to the idea which her elder sister, Lena, had contributed to as school vice-captain in 2016.

Affectionately known as 'Hoppy', Corporal Mathew Hopkins will always be remembered as a beloved father, husband, son, soldier, hero and a valued member of our local community. The naming of Mathew Hopkins Avenue represents links between past students, present students and the notion of service to the school and the wider community which is a core element of Kenmore State High School. It was an honour to attend the opening of Mathew Hopkins Avenue, particularly given Corporal Hopkins's mother and family were in attendance. The legacy, sacrifice and contribution of Corporal Hopkins lives on.

Anzac Day is a significant event in the electorate of Moggill, as it is around Queensland and indeed across Australia. Many services are held throughout the day, with the Shell Green T20 cricket match being held in the afternoon at the Brookfield Showground. The dawn service and gunfire breakfast is held at Bellbowrie. It is heartening to see attendance numbers grow each and every year. This was followed by the Anzac Day march and morning service at the Kenmore War Memorial. I particularly want to thank the Kenmore-Moggill RSL Sub-Branch for all of its tireless work in organising local services and I take this opportunity to acknowledge Rick Maher, Trevor Dixon, Frank Beattie and Pastor John Robertson. Refreshments were provided by Kenmore Rotary and our local Girl Guides, so many thanks to those organisations as well as all of our local schools and many other community organisations for their involvement on the day.

Fairview at Pinjarra Hills and the Mount Crosby Bowls Club again held their respective services, and well done to Pam Scherman Carr, Robert Carr and Pat O'Brien. As I mentioned earlier, the Shell Green T20 cricket match was very successful. The match, first played in 2012 between the Lord Mayor's XI and the Army XI, has now become a tradition for many at the Brookfield Showground. It is played in honour of the daring and notorious Shell Green cricket match during World War I when members of the Australian Army played a cricket match in Gallipoli as a diversionary tactic to ensure the safe withdrawal of troops. This year Jude Coleman, Lee Carseldine and Aussie superstar Beth Mooney lent their skills to the Lord Mayor's team. On Anzac Day we pay our respects to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our state and nation. We also salute all ADF personnel who continue to serve Australia. Lest we forget.