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## ADJOURNMENT

### Mount Ommaney Electorate

 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (8.12 pm): My first year as member for Mount Ommaney has been full of highlights and special celebrations in my amazing community. Last Saturday night I headed along to the Oxley Girl Guides celebration of their hut that had been built in Oxley 60 years prior. I am honoured to also be speaking at their Women in Leadership event early next month. This forum will be addressing tough topics like quotas and why we do not have enough female leaders in 2018.

A few weeks ago the McLeod Country Golf Club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a gala dinner. It was a gorgeous event, but what makes McLeod so special is not the stunning views; it is the fact that it was the very first golf club not in Queensland, not in Australia but in the world owned and run by women, and it remains so to this day. They truly were and continue to be pioneers not just in Mount Ommaney but around the world. I was so touched looking over early photos to see that the club had a nursery—a creche—on site at the club on the golf course between holes. These women had thought of everything.

Two amazing women were instrumental in getting the club off the ground. It was fantastic to see this acknowledged at the celebration. I commend the foresight of the committee in creating a video of Hilda Reid OAM speaking about her passion to get the golf club off the ground 50 years ago. Sadly, Hilda could not attend but it was so poignant to hear her recording, as she knew she would not be able to make it along to celebrate. Well done to President Carolyn and the entire community for their tireless work.

Also celebrating 50 years in my community was the Scout Jamboree. The suburb of Jamboree Heights was so named because it was home to the second biggest scout jamboree in the world. Indeed, we are a community of awesome overachievers. We had a massive celebration earlier this year with many of the original scout attendees returning 50 years later to attend the celebration held on the very same site of the original jamboree. It was really something special to be part of and I want to thank the many scout leaders who organised the event, especially Penny.

Later this year all of Queensland will fall silent to commemorate the centenary of the armistice. My fantastic local RSLs are planning on hosting events and have been working to ensure a fitting tribute to our fallen Anzacs. The Sherwood-Indooroopilly RSL, under the leadership of Glenn with his amazing offsideers Kylie and Hayley, always put on a beautiful service. The Darra RSL has installed a stunning memorial ready to go, and under the guidance of Centenary RSL President Georges spoke at my first annual seniors morning tea alongside another local luminary. I must conclude by giving a massive shout out to our local Adopt-a-Cop Ben Harm, who was recently awarded the Neighbourhood Watch Queensland Liaison Officer of the Year. Ben, you are a legend; we all know it. Now the minister and commissioner have given you a trophy to prove it.

