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Coomera Electorate, Anzac Day

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (7.24 pm): I know that we all would have attended several Anzac Day ceremonies. They are very special events in all of our communities. It is a commemoration of all of the wars that Australians and New Zealanders have been involved in over the last more than 100 years. One special commemoration occurred at Woongoolba in my electorate. I speak about it because it is a very young one, although the area is very old. I think the school has been there for 145 years. The cenotaph has been there for only a handful of years. It is all thanks to a dedicated local—a fellow by the name of Zeke Wulff, who has lived in Steiglitz for a long time. That commemoration for our Anzacs is situated at the Woongoolba Bowls Club.

It was particularly special. We had 500 or 600 people there. That is quite an achievement given the small local community that we are talking about. It was particularly special because the community gave Zeke Wulff a special award, a dedicated commitment award for the efforts that he has put in over the last five or so years to bring that special Anzac Day moment each year, and of course 11 November as well, to the local community—something that has not really been there for all of these years, even though Woongoolba and its surrounds has been a thriving community over that time.

I took the opportunity at one of the school ceremonies to talk to year 12 students in particular about Anzac Day and the fact that Anzac Day is a commemoration, not a celebration. In having that conversation with them, I reminded them that in commemorating what those soldiers have done for them that does bring about a celebration, and that is the celebration of the freedoms that we enjoy as a community, the freedoms that we as Australians and New Zealanders and, indeed, the Western world enjoy as a result of those soldiers—more than 100,000 soldiers—who lost their lives and made the ultimate sacrifice for those freedoms. There is no doubt that it is a commemoration, but there is a celebration in it in that we can now celebrate the freedoms that we all enjoy here in Australia and, indeed, right around the world.