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 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (9.16 pm): Scouting is doing well in Kurwongbah. I was considerably disappointed to lose Kallangur Scouts in the recent state redistribution after the great relationship I had built with them after they lost their den in Hathi Park, Kallangur, in 2014. The den became condemned when the then Division 7 councillor let it fall into disrepair. The Kallangur Scouts were without a home and located in a combined scouting den in Frenchs Forest.

At the time I was the candidate for the seat of Kallangur and committed to getting another den in the Kallangur area for the many concerned scouting families who contacted me from Kallangur, Murrumba Downs and neighbouring Griffin in the then state seat of Murrumba. After working with the scouts, our mayor and his office, we were able to secure a new location in close proximity to bushland and the river which seemed the perfect fit for our scouts. It is also adjacent to our military cadets, the SES and sporting fields and it will work well. I have had to say goodbye to Kerry Skillington and the Kallangur Scouts and leave them in the very capable hands of my neighbour Steven Miles, the member for Murrumba.

What I have inherited in Kurwongbah is three scout troops, in Lawnton, Narangba and Burpengary, as well as retaining the den in Frenchs Forest and the Murrenbong Scout campsite. In the short time that I have been the member for Kurwongbah I have been more than welcomed by all of the new scouting groups and attended their AGMs. Burpengary Scouts have been through a similar journey to Kallangur in that their den was condemned, although that was some eight years ago. Since then both state members and the council have been working hard to get them a new place in Burpengary. It was great to attend the recent opening of the new den and hear the sometimes emotional stories of the long build of their new home. Particular thanks went to Mark Ryan, the member for Morayfield, who was their previous state member, and Councillor Peter Flannery for their strong support.

It was at one of these recent events that I was 'scarfed up' as an official supporter of scouting in Queensland by Ian Garrad, the District Commissioner of Murrumba District. I now have a scout scarf and woggle to wear at scouting events. That is the first scouting scarf that I have had since I was a cub in the 1970s and I am working on remembering my left-handed handshake. Scouting and guides are great activities for kids to get involved with and I am proud to support them in my area.

In my remaining time, I inform the House that we have finally moved into our new office at 232 Young Road, Narangba. It is good to be in the area. While my team and I will always miss our Kallangur constituents, we know that Steven Miles, the member for Murrumba, and his staff will take care of them. With the new office opened, I thank Paul, Ryan and the Parliamentary Services team for all the work they did to prepare the new place and help us with the move. It was a seamless transition and we really appreciate all their hard work.