



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR SANDGATE**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Sandgate Electorate

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (6.16 pm): My electorate of Sandgate is, as usual, set for a big Easter weekend. Specifically, this Good Friday there are a series of significant events taking place in the Sandgate electorate: the Queen's Baton Relay, the 70th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race start and the Bluewater Festival.

The Queen's Baton Relay will bring the excitement of the games right into the heart of the Sandgate electorate. Brighton, Sandgate, Shorncliffe and Taigum will all play host as the Queen's baton makes part of its 100-day journey across the country. I cannot think of a better baton bearer than Rod Chiapello. Rod is an active and well-regarded member of the 4017 community and the franchisee of McDonald's Bracken Ridge. Renowned for his generosity, Rod has supported numerous community events over the years and has employed countless students as well as people of all ages and abilities at his business. I wish Rod and the other Queen's baton bearers well as this special symbol of the unity of the Commonwealth crosses paths with the 21st Bluewater Festival.

The Bluewater Festival will be held as the yachts from Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race leave from Cabbage Tree Creek. It will be held at the Shorncliffe Pier and the Upper and Lower Moora Parks. The Sandgate and Districts Chamber of Commerce yet again have done a great job in organising this year's festival which regularly attracts thousands of visitors. I am pleased to say that this year Commonwealth Games mascot Borobi and the Queen's baton will join them. It will be great to see Borobi at Shorncliffe on Good Friday. It is part of the celebration that is the beginning of the 70th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race. It is a real highlight on our calendar. Seeing the yachts sail from the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club is a phenomenal sight. Seeing the start from the very historic Shorncliffe Pier will be a great part of the festival and experience on Good Friday. These three great events in a single day in the 4017 are three great reasons to come and visit Brisbane's northern bayside this Good Friday.

With the little time left to me I wish to give a shout-out to the Sandgate-Redcliffe District Cricket Club team. I am wearing their tie. All the best as the 1st grade grand final continues this weekend against Norths at Kalinga Park. Should captain Lachlan Thompson and his boys prevail, this would mean that the Gators will have swept the T20, one-day and two-day competitions.