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 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (7.01 pm): I rise tonight to speak about a whole range of wonderful people across Toowoomba who have started off 2019 in fine style. Firstly, I want to acknowledge and congratulate the Toowoomba Citizens of the Year and Regional Citizens of the Year, David and Rhonda Weston who lead U3A. They have led our U3A for a number of years now. They have increased its membership. They have not just increased its membership; they have grown branches right around the Toowoomba region, in places like Crows Nests and Pittsworth. We now have well over 2,000 members. Rhonda and David are admirable Toowoomba people. I am delighted to see that they are our citizens of the year.

I will move on to the leadership instalments at high schools right around Toowoomba. Centenary Heights State High School has some outstanding young leaders in Ingrid, Mitchell, Emily and Andrew. It is wonderful to spend time out at Glensvale State School with principal Dave Saxton and the fine young leaders of that school who stand ready to take on the year as key leaders in their school.

I went to Sports Darling Downs's annual awards night the other night. It is time to acknowledge this wonderful Toowoomba charity which started from the ground up. There are a couple of new life members this year—Neil Brown and Debbie van Achterberg. People like Wayne Beeston and Peter Rookas have built this incredible charity from the ground up. They started with nothing but a pen and a dream to support young sportspeople right across the Darling Downs. I also have to acknowledge longstanding chairman, Mick Smith, who was done an amazing job. He is the father of an Olympian himself, but he has supported a range of other Olympians. I note that Matt Denny, a Commonwealth Games bronze medallist last year, was our Senior Sports Star of the Year award winner.

I want to acknowledge a wonderful woman who has just retired from the Queensland Police Service. Marg van Boven retires after 30 years in the service. She was the first face at the Village Fair Shopping Centre Police Beat. Marg is a really special woman. I will always be thankful for her warmth and kindness. She will be sorely missed by police officers right across the city. I wish her and Lainey well in their retirement.

I want to finish by talking about 2nd Shot. Nat and Tiff Spary have recently overseen the latest batch of graduates. It is one of Toowoomba's finest social enterprises. Nat and Tiff have created opportunities for young people to get work. They are a beacon for community service organisations right across the city.