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Greenslopes Electorate, Community Groups

Mr KELLY (Greenslopes—ALP) (7.15 pm): When I was elected, I promised to build community. One of the important ways I do that is to support local groups in my electorate which do that just that. It has certainly been a busy month in the electorate of Greenslopes.

It started at Knowsley Lodge in Stones Corner, where Bruce and Helena and the Knowsley Lodge Tenants Group held a Harmony Day ceremony. Something like 22 different languages are spoken by the people who live in that wonderful complex, which has been recently refurbished by Buranda Housing, and I thank Minister de Brenni for that.

Later on the same day I went to the Holland Park Junior Cricket Club. It is so good to see so many young girls and women participating in cricket because of the work of the Holland Park Junior Cricket Club and particularly because of the work of Andrew Chamberlain, who is recognised for his service to the club.

I also had the great opportunity to attend the Brisbane orchid show and do a tour with the president, Ken Haase. Ken is a keen gardener and he particularly loves his orchids. The work on display there was really something to behold. There was an incredible array. I congratulate all the members of the Orchid Society.

I was also very pleased to attend the Southside Chamber of Commerce, which is run by president Kath Lewis. It is a very sharp organisation. I was really pleased to attend their federal election candidates debate. Without any bias, I do think Jo Briskey and Graham Perrett won the debates hands down. The Southside Chamber of Commerce does a great job supporting local small businesses.

Like all members, last week I turned my mind to Anzac Day. It was wonderful to attend Whites Hill State College, Cavendish Road State High School and Seville Road State School as they celebrated Anzac Day. Karen Kuskey, the principal at Seville Road State School, where many of the students are refugees, could not have put it more beautifully when she said that Anzac Day is about remembering those people who have made sacrifices so we can live in a free country. That really captured for me what Anzac Day is all about.

It was lovely to go to Greenslopes Private Hospital's dawn service the next day. I also went to the Holland Park RSL service, which is well run by Sonja and Alan Hellier. They are mighty community champions who engage in bringing the entire community together. It was lovely to see Seville Road State School there marching for the first time in many years.

I finished out with a sporting weekend. The Stones Corner parkrun turned five. Well done to lan Hay and the team there. They do a fantastic job. It was great to get along to the Coorparoo Aussie Rules, Easts Rugby Union, Easts Rugby League and the Mustangs day, which is the local touch team.

At Coorparoo Aussie Rules, Dennis Bramadat does a fantastic job. He really works so hard for our entire community, giving so many volunteer hours. Commendations also go to Julie Laws from Easts Rugby Union and Brian Torpy from Easts Rugby League who do a great job.

There is so much going on in my electorate. I will always support groups in my community that work hard to build our community.