



Speech By  
**Hon. Mark Ryan**


**MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Morayfield Electorate**

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (7.10 pm): I have updated the House on a number of occasions about the upgrade at Morayfield train station. I provide a further update that the upgrade continues. Only a few weeks ago we had the removal of the old wooden footbridge, which is many decades old. The train station itself is over 100 years old. To preserve that local history, that wooden footbridge was donated to the Caboolture Historical Village and will live on, telling the stories of commuters from the Caboolture and Morayfield areas for many more decades to come. I acknowledge Queensland Rail for their very generous donation to the Caboolture Historical Society. I also acknowledge the Caboolture Historical Village for the great work they do in keeping history alive in our local community.

Coming up next week are some exciting local events. My annual seniors forum and Christmas morning tea will be held once again next Friday. I invite all locals in the Caboolture region to attend. Once again, the very famous Everal Compton will be attending as our guest speaker. He has a wealth of knowledge and a real inspiration for life. I caught up with him just yesterday here at Parliament House. At age 88 he is still going strong. He encourages everyone as they get older to remain active in life and promotes longevity for people in our community. We will also have a very special performance from the Caboolture Community Choir, as well as other presentations from organisations like Energex, local police and local community organisations.

The other local event happening next Saturday is the Drive for Kids in Care Christmas toy appeal. About 10 years ago I helped launch this appeal in the Caboolture region with a great community champion, Michelle Rigger. We started with about \$1,000 to purchase toys for local kids in foster care, supporting the department of child safety's foster care Christmas toy appeal. This year, I am brave enough to say that the single biggest donation to the department of child safety's Christmas toy appeal will come through this Christmas drive appeal at Morayfield. It will be hosted by the Morayfield Shopping Centre. We have many thousands of dollars worth of toys to deliver. The local community will also be supporting it. I acknowledge Morayfield Shopping Centre and all of the local organisations and businesses which donate to this toy appeal. It will be accompanied by a car show and other special presentations. I encourage locals to support the toy appeal.