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## ADJOURNMENT

### Kurwongbah Electorate, Community Groups

 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (6.22 pm): I rise tonight to talk about recent events celebrating milestones in the Kurwongbah electorate. Recently, the mighty Pine Rivers Bears held their 50-year celebrations over a weekend of great football and entertainment. In this club's proud 50 years of existence, they have nurtured talented players like Peter Jackson and Scott Blacker, and even Bob Lindner played under 12s for the bears. My son played his junior footy there and this club's success is that it has always been about families and football. They have no pokies and they have struggled financially from time to time. It was really pleasing to see in this budget nearly \$400,000 to assist them in building new change rooms to allow them to expand their women's football teams.

I also attended the Lake Kurwongbah Water Ski Zone 60th year celebrations, a milestone which nearly did not happen as the club was kicked off the lake after their 50th year under the watch of the Newman government. After a great campaign run by the club and championed by me and my neighbour, Nikki Boyd, between Minister Bailey in his former role as the minister for energy and water supply, Seqwater and the club, we came to an arrangement which allows them seven-days a week access to Lake Kurwongbah, along with the rowers and the paddlers all being accommodated. I hope they see at least another 60 years. They are a great club, and I am proudly their patron.

Another club I am the patron of celebrated their 50-year anniversary—that is, the North Pine Country Park Potters. This group is the oldest working display at Old Petrie Town and is really worth a visit when anyone visits the park to see a bit of yesteryear. Their proud history was the topic of conversation. Although I am not a potter myself, I have been invited to drop by and learn some basics and, when time permits, I will more than likely do just that. There are many award winners who are members there and it was an honour to hand out the awards on the night.

The Kallangur Lions, which services Kurwongbah so I will still claim them, also celebrated 50 years recently and I attended with my wife. This hardworking group does so much for our community and is very highly regarded in the area. Several of them also assist with the Youth Insearch program, which assists teens who have run into trouble in their lives and has amazing results.

The final milestone is one I will attend in a week's time. The Burpengary Community Progress Association will celebrate 60 years of community service and I look forward to enjoying that day with them. This group largely focuses on running the Burpengary Christmas Spectacular every year and the event is a credit to them. They also provide me and our councillors with often frank feedback on what is happening in the Burpengary community, and their monthly meetings often give us a long list of issues to look at and sort out.

With long-serving clubs and groups like these and others in our community, it makes being their representative a pleasure. I look forward to continuing to help them serve our community in the various fields they cover.