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## ADJOURNMENT

### Toowoomba North Electorate

 **Mr WATTS** (Toowoomba North—LNP) (7.25 pm): I rise in the House tonight to talk about the great organisations and people in my electorate. Recently I have given out some local hero grants. These are small amounts of money but they make a big difference. The YWCA in Toowoomba runs an inclusion program, the YAbility program. They have a band. They play ukuleles and sing songs. I was there before Christmas and they wanted band shirts. Last week we gave them the money for band shirts. I think they will do a great job with their new shirts on.

The annual ladies summertime fiesta of the Toowoomba North Bowls Club is on as we speak. They also received a small grant. People come from all across the state to Toowoomba to play on some of the best greens in Queensland at the Toowoomba North Bowls Club. I congratulate the ladies on being local heroes in putting that together and bringing those people into the electorate.

I had the pleasure of going to the Toowoomba Rugby League Referees Association where they received a community benefit grant to get some audio equipment for referees to use whilst they are running the game. There are four sets per unit which means that young referees can be taught and trained as they referee the game. It makes a big difference in making sure we have great officials in the future. We have all seen Tim Mander and we think they can definitely improve.

I visited the Help a Friend Club which received a community benefit grant to purchase a new vehicle. They provide disability services, crisis accommodation and short-term accommodation. It is a small Toowoomba organisation that is punching well above its weight, running at 100 per cent occupancy helping people who otherwise would not have a home. Also I had the privilege of going to Base Services. Nat and Tiff, who run Base Services, do a fantastic job with homeless people. They have been running a certificate I in hospitality. They have had some people who have come out of totally adverse situations, like the heroin addict who has been through Teen Challenge, got herself cleaned up and now has accommodation, has her life on track and has done a certificate I. Nat and Tiff at Base Services do a fantastic job.

Finally, I want to mention a Toowoomba experience that is put on by Lifeline. It used to be done by Civic. It is the Loads of Love appeal. In the lead-up to Christmas they collect bags of non-perishable food. This year 22 tonnes was donated. Their target was 15 tonnes. Matt and Derek, who run the Loads of Love program for Lifeline, do a fantastic job in my community.