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 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (6.10 pm): The Mansfield electorate is fortunate to have two Rotary clubs that serve our community. The Rotary Club of Wishart is well known for their book fairs and they have raised over \$19,000 this year. Thanks to the Palaszczuk government's Gambling and Community Benefit Fund, the club received \$30,000 to buy a brand new vehicle. The vehicle will be used to support members of our community who require transport assistance and will also be used to support community events that are organised and supported by Rotary. I acknowledge President Debra Baxter and the immediate past president, Sue Ellis, for their wonderful stewardship.

Last year the Rotary Club of Mount Gravatt celebrated its 50th anniversary and will hold belated celebrations next month. The club also recently received a Gambling and Community Benefit Fund grant of \$17,380 to install binoculars at the wonderful Mount Gravatt Outlook Reserve. Earlier this year I partnered with the club to host a domestic and family violence community vigil event in Broadwater Park to raise vital funds for the Red Rose Foundation. The club is hosting the upcoming Christmas Fair at the Mount Gravatt Showgrounds, which includes kids' activities, market stalls, food trucks, carols, a movie and, of course, Santa will be dropping by. Special thanks go to the Mount Gravatt Rotary President, Jim Cosgrove, and the immediate past president, Heather Irvine, for their tireless work in our community.

Last night I had the wonderful pleasure of hosting 20 Harvard University colleague graduates for dinner. The Harvard Club of Australia, Queensland branch, is a tremendous group of doctors, academics, principals, scientists and engineers who have had the opportunity to study at one of the most prestigious universities in the world. Learning from world leaders in educational leadership, including Howard Gardner, Professor of Cognition and Education and the author of *Multiple Intelligences* and *Creating Minds*, has assisted me to further develop my own and others' knowledge in the area of principal preparation, leadership and performance, which is imperative for school and system improvement.

The experience at Harvard University afforded me the opportunity to reflect on my understandings of leadership and further develop my leadership capabilities. It afforded me the time and space to challenge my assumptions and unconscious bias. It is true that the more we know, the more we realise we do not know. Perhaps most important is developing the self-awareness, humility and recognition of knowing that we do not know.

I take this opportunity to wish my colleagues in both the private and public sector schools a very happy World Teachers' Day for tomorrow. I thank you for being you.