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Greenslopes Electorate Community Organisations

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (7.22 pm): I rise to update the House on a range of community organisations in my electorate that are celebrating significant milestones. The Holland Park Sports & Community Club is celebrating 80 years this year. I congratulate President Bronwyne Stiegler and all of the volunteers there. It is not just a centre for bowls; it is a centre where the entire community comes together. They run a whole range of different programs.

I acknowledge Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School, which turns 80 this year. The school is a bedrock of the Catholic community. It would not always have been easy to run a Catholic school. We all know the challenges there. The school was built on the back of volunteers and is a centrepiece of our community. Many fine people started their education there. Congratulations to the current principal, Warren Field, and Kelly McLenna, the president of the P&F.

The C&K Coorparoo Community Kindergarten at Meridian Street is celebrating 70 years this year. Again, it is a place where many people started their educational journey. It is a fine institution. Sadly, Kristie Tully and the team had their celebrations interrupted by a lockdown. I know it is a strong community. They will get back up and they will make sure that they celebrate once again.

I acknowledge the celebrations of the Holland Park-Mount Gravatt RSL, which is celebrating 60 years this year. I acknowledge the hard work of volunteers Sonja and Alan Hellier, who are absolute institutions in our community. They do so much for the veteran community. They provide so much welfare that you could easily give a 30-minute speech on what they do. Thank you to Sonja and Alan.

Holland Park State High School, another fine educational institution, turns 50 this year. I thank Principal Jocelyn Roberts, P&C president Katrina Marschke and all of the volunteers there. It is a great school. I have many friends who went there and many of my friends' kids go there. It is a great school in our community.

Finally, I acknowledge the work of Kris Prasad and his wife, Uma. They run Kanada Sangha, which turns 25 this year. Their aim is to preserve the language and culture of the Kanada speaking people of India.

Those are all fine organisations in our community. They do so much to build our community. They support people to get educated. They support people to play sport. They preserve language. They support the veterans in our community. I have nothing but the deepest respect for all of those community organisations. I am so pleased that they are able to provide the services that they do. If you add it all up, collectively it comes to 365 years of service to the community of Greenslopes. That is quite a significant milestone in and of itself. I am pleased to have been able to help celebrate all of those milestones this year and I know there will be many more to come.