



Speech By Michael Crandon

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ADJOURNMENT

Jacobs Well Heritage Fair; You Choose Youth Road Safety

Mr CRANDON (Coomera—LNP) (7.20 pm): I had the pleasure of officially opening the Jacobs Well inaugural heritage fair last Saturday. For an old area like Jacobs Well, you would wonder why it would be an inaugural heritage fair, but that is what they called it and that is what we are going to continue to call it. Hopefully we will see it go on for many years to come.

Mr Stevens: Great pub.

Mr CRANDON: I take that interjection. Absolutely, it is a great pub at Jacobs Well for sure. Fortune favours the brave because planning was done over many months leading up to the event. It was a magnificent day. Everybody was walking around maskless and thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The day started with a parade along the local streets of Jacobs Well to Riesenweber Park. Things were well underway when I arrived at 10 o'clock. Thousands of locals and people from far and wide came out to celebrate the occasion. Old cars lined the park to show off their tailored beauty including an FC Holden, which brought back memories as my very first car all those years ago. We were joined and entertained by Woongoolba State School choir and Ormeau State School choir. In fact, the German heritage was coming through strongly, with one of the songs from Woongoolba State School being in German and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all and sundry.

The Jacobs Well Fishing & Social Club were awarded best dressed in the parade. It was a real sight to see I have to say. There was a great level of cooperation and enthusiasm. Well done to Jacobs Well & District Progress Association, headed up by president Chas Watt; the convenor of the day, Dave Mayo, who spent months and months planning all of this, and his darling wife, Pat Mayo; Jenny Cooper, Bill Whiting and the rest of the organising committee—Lurlene Schmidt, Jenny Oceans, Pat Plenty and Jan Litherland; the emcee on the day, who was Ray Leon—and what a great job he did; and all the workers on the day who made it an outstanding success. Congratulations to the Jacobs Well community for an outstanding local event.

Another important event is coming to our northern Gold Coast community—the You Choose Youth Road Safety evening. It is being run by Melissa and Peter McGuinness from You Choose Youth Road Safety program, who were runners up for Queensland's Australian of the Year, in partnership with Gina and Tim Connolly from Newhaven Funerals and hosted by our newest school, education minister, Gainsborough State School, with principal Clay McCann providing his wonderful support for the community yet again.

Commencing at six o'clock on Wednesday, 8 December 2021, locals will listen to an introduction to Melissa and Peter's powerful message. Peter and Melissa embarked on a social mission to push for change in reckless driving behaviour of young drivers after their son, Jordan, made choices as a driver which cost the lives of four innocent young people in 2012, including his own life. That event is on 8 December. All are welcome on that evening.