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Mount Ommaney, Community Clubs

 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (7.09 pm): I rise this evening to update the House on the flood recovery in the Mount Ommaney community. Tonight I will share the progress and otherwise of the many clubs and community groups in my community that were impacted by the floods. It is quite a list, unfortunately. I will start with the Jindalee Jags.

The Jindalee Jags clubhouse is not just home to the Jindalee Jags. They also look after the Centenary Little Athletics and the Centenary Netball Club as well. When their clubhouse was completely inundated it had a profound impact on all three of these groups. They are now back in the clubhouse and I am pleased to update the House that their coffee machine has been installed and is now functioning again so they are able to sell coffee to the parents when, of course, it is not raining. Unfortunately the fields do continue to be impacted by rain events, but they are back and playing and, as I said, that coffee machine is turned on and ready to go.

Similarly, the Jindalee Bowls Club was completely decimated in the recent floods. Unfortunately they still have a really long way to go. Like the Jags, they were also host to a couple of other community groups, the Centenary RSL and the Centenary Meals on Wheels. I am very pleased to report to the House that because their facility is unusable the Centenary RSL have found a temporary home at the McLeod Country Golf Club and Meals on Wheels have found a temporary home at the Jindalee Girl Guides, which is absolutely fantastic. The Centenary Rowing Club was also inundated and work is underway to get them back on their feet.

As members have heard in my contribution, I have mentioned a lot of clubs that have stepped up during our community's time of need and helped out by offering temporary accommodation of up to a year to some of these displaced community groups. In addition to those groups we also have the Jindalee Taekwondo who have relocated to the Centenary Uniting Church. The McLeod Country Golf Club have offered their facilities up for a whole year—they have a beautiful new set up there for the Centenary RSL. The Jindalee Girl Guides are hosting Meals on Wheels and may offer a future permanent home, if all goes well, to the good people at the Centenary RSL.

I have previously reflected on the generous nature of the Mount Ommaney community. During the floods many Oxley residents took in hundreds, if not thousands, of their friends and neighbours who were stranded during that flooding event. They opened their hearts and their homes during our community's time of need, and I am so proud to say that these community clubs are doing exactly the same thing in the long term as we get back on our feet.