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## ADJOURNMENT

### Greenslopes Electorate, Milestones

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (6.28 pm): There are so many milestones in Greenslopes, with so little time tonight to bring them to the attention of the House. The first one is for me: Mikey interpreted my first ever speech and I would like to say thank you to Mikey and all the Auslan interpreters who connect our community.

The World Wellness Group in Stones Corner turned 10—10 years of providing multicultural and refugee health services. In that time Rita Prasad and her team have become national leaders in this space ensuring that health is a human right.

Easts Rugby celebrated 75 years. Just a few years ago in this House I spoke of their clean sweep of Brisbane and Australian club rugby, but their real success comes every week getting so many people involved in rugby, inclusive of all ages, genders, abilities and all aspects of diversity. They encourage good rugby on the field and great community spirit off the field. Congratulations to all the Tigers for life, especially David Waldie, club president.

Greenslopes Private Hospital, formerly Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, has been a central part of our community and Queensland for 80 years and Chris Went ensured it was celebrated in style last Friday night. The work it continues to do for the veterans community is outstanding and I want to acknowledge the Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation, which is Australia's only dedicated veterans health research facility. It has been a big part of my family's life, with my wife working in oncology there for 24 years and my daughter now working there for the last three years, and I even worked there for a year about 20 years or so ago.

**Ms Bates:** A great CEO!

**Mr KELLY:** A great CEO. Our entire community is very proud of Australia's biggest and best private hospital. Based in Coorparoo, the Brisbane School of Distance Education serves our entire state and it is celebrating 100 years this year, ensuring that all Queenslanders can access educational opportunities.

St Stephens Anglican community has hit the tonne. They are 100 too. It was lovely to join them for a very special service on Sunday, even better to watch 100-year-old parishioner Nancy cut the 100th anniversary cake. It is a vibrant community that does so much good work well beyond their own congregation.

Finally, the grand old dame of Coorparoo, the Coorparoo School of Arts and Memorial Hall is 130 years old. Starting as the Coorparoo shire chambers, it has served as a school of arts, an RSL sub-branch and is now a vibrant community hub. A dozen volunteers, including me, preserve the history of this hall, keeping it in good repair and ensuring the community utilises it seven days a week. Each week we see hundreds of people using this hall. They use it for martial arts; dances of all sorts, even a bit of—Opa!—Greek dancing once a week; fitness; and a myriad of community celebrations. It is truly the centre of our community.

I want to particularly acknowledge president Ron Baker who has done so much to preserve Brisbane's built history. Ron calls the hall his second wife and I know his first love Barbara is so proud of Ron's passion for historical buildings. I celebrate all of these organisations not just for these milestones, but because they are truly building community.