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 **Mrs McMAHON** (Macalister—ALP) (7.22 pm): I rise tonight to give an update on some of the amazing events that have happened and are about to happen in and around Macalister and our wonderful Beenleigh. We have had a couple of Logan members stand up already tonight.

The member for Waterford did steal a little bit of my thunder about Paddock to Plate, but it is the big event on the Beenleigh calendar. Last Friday I joined 260 other guests at the high school in the hall as we partook in one of Matt Golinski's-led famous feasts. We got to dine on ocean prawns, honey braised pork belly, slow roasted beef and giant groper—just to name a few. It is the attitude and the exposure that the high school kids get at this event which makes it an absolute star event in Beenleigh. All the money that is raised goes to the P&C that they then reinvest in that event, providing opportunities for our high school students.

Hopefully, touch wood, this was the last year that we will have Paddock to Place in our old Beenleigh High hall because work has commenced on the new Beenleigh hall, which the Premier announced at her last visit to Paddock to Plate. We certainly hope that at next year's Paddock to Plate we will all be in the new Beenleigh hall, specifically designed to make an even larger Paddock to Plate event for our local community. That is just one of the more recent events.

The next two months in Beenleigh and surrounds are going to be action packed. This weekend at the Gem Hotel we have our bull-riding event. Not technically in Macalister, the Gem Hotel will be full of Beenleigh locals as they get a load of some of the bull riding down there.

The following weekend we have a number of events. We have the Logan Writers Festival, which I know some of my fellow Logan MPs are supporting, to support young, local writers as they try to get exposure. Next weekend is also the Beenleigh show—Logan's only show. For those who missed the Ekka this year, the Beenleigh show will be up and running after a hiatus of a couple of years due to COVID. Locals will be out in force at the Beenleigh show, participating in all the usual show crafts and entertainment, and fireworks.

It is not over yet. In October we have the cane festival gala ball. Unfortunately, there will not be an actual cane festival parade this year like there was last year because we have decided to have the cane festival in cane season. We will be having the gala ball, which again is another highlight in the social calendar in Beenleigh. The following weekend we have #akacon.

Ms Richards: What is that?

Mrs McMAHON: It is our celebration of anime and all things pop culture in Beenleigh. It does not matter whether you are an old school Beenleigh canefarmer or a young artist who wants to get some of their anime work up and running, Beenleigh has something for you over the next month.