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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (6.17 pm): I had the privilege of attending the Ormeau Little Athletics presentation day last Saturday, 26 March. Centre manager, Neil Sperling, and his dedicated team did a great job of it, presenting awards to athletes and making special presentations to coaches and managers. Ormeau Little As are a very strong centre with around 110 athletes. They had their most successful medal tally to date at the state championships at the end of a difficult year, with weather events and COVID impacts reducing the number of meetings. Congratulations, Ormeau Little As.

Also on Saturday, a brave decision was made by Pimpama State School to have their 150th jubilee. They are the oldest school on the Gold Coast, I am reliably informed. A team of volunteers have been working on this event for longer than COVID has been around, knowing that this special day had to happen. A ragtag team of volunteers was ably led by Cassandra Sandersan, a teacher aide at the school, parent from the past and also past P&C president. I was joined on the day by the Leader of the Opposition and member for Broadwater, David Crisafulli, and the regional director, John Norfolk.

The day started with a welcome to country at 10 am and the crowds were already huge. At 10.30, a 20-year time capsule was opened by the then principal, Craig Larden, who was principal from 1989 to 2007, and Michelle Challes, a teacher of over 20 years service at the school, and now I believe at Shailer Park State School. All sorts of bits and pieces were disclosed, including a brick of a mobile phone. All will be put on display at the newly opened 150th jubilee Pimpama State School museum for all to see. Principal Heidi Mackenzie has told me that the whole day was a huge success, with a bumper no reserve auction that raised over \$12,500. To top things off, the raffle with the major prize of an MG was won by one of the teachers, with a \$6,000 travel voucher as second prize and a \$3,000 Red Balloon voucher as third prize. Congratulations, Pimpama State School, on your 150th jubilee.

I go from the old to the new. Last week we saw the opening of the 'never to be built' Pimpama Police Station and the retirement after 44 years of Assistant Commissioner Brian Wilkins. AC Brian Wilkins put on record the more than four-year journey for the delivery of this desperately needed asset for the northern Gold Coast. On behalf of all of us, I thank AC Wilkins for his 44 years of service to the Queensland community and for his support over the past four years. He never gave up on the station, ensuring that when Katarina Carroll came in as Police Commissioner he was there on her doorstep saying, 'This has to be done.' He also joined the fight for 36 additional police for the fast-growing northern Gold Coast, taking us from 81 members in the police force up to 117. I wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement. Job well done.