



Speech By
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 **Mr MELLISH** (Aspley—ALP) (6.03 pm): I rise to speak about some of the milestones and achievements that have occurred in my part of the north side over the last month. The Geebung RSL celebrated its 100th anniversary on 13 October by hosting a celebratory dinner with club executives, members and veterans. I had the honour and privilege of speaking with and drawing inspiration from locals who have done so much for our community and country. It is hard to imagine that what is now in the heart of Geebung was just a wooden World War I memorial hall, affectionately known as the 'Hole in the Wall' for many years. The fact that local community members lent a hand to assist with the construction of the hall back in 1923 shows that for over a century the community has rallied behind and has endeared the Geebung RSL to their hearts. I look forward to seeing what the next century holds for our great community hub. Thanks to president Harry Boxsell, a northside stalwart and local legend, and CEO Greg Hurley for a fantastic evening.

Last Friday night I had the pleasure of attending Aspley State High School for their annual A Factor student talent competition, with this year's theme being 'Festival of Fears'. I would like to congratulate the winners for all five categories. The overall winner was Wasted Potential. The group winner was Sons of Hades. The senior winner was Mae & Brielle. The junior winner was Double A's. The rising star award went to Molly Power. They were outstanding acts. There were outstanding bands. The students loved it. They embrace the A Factor model. They get into it. I am sure I will see them headlining venues in the Valley in coming years.

I also give a massive thank you to Aspley Devils Rugby League Football Club for having me along to their annual president's dinner awards last Saturday. It was amazing to hear of the efforts over the year of the very dedicated volunteers, whether they be coaches, managers or those in a variety of other roles at the club, and also long-term and new club supporters and sponsors being recognised. It was great to hear from Scott Prince, the Broncos NRLW coach, and, most importantly to me, Wests Tigers legend.

Government members interjected.

Mr MELLISH: He did play for some other teams, but the West Tigers premiership is the most important one, he said.

There were so many worthy award winners. Thanks to club president Steve and the team for having us along. It was a great night. I will always support this community powerhouse, and I look forward to seeing what the 2024 season will bring to the club.

I am also looking forward to this Sunday, the inaugural Geebung Street Party, hosted on Collings Street outside the Geebung RSL. It is going to be an amazing day of live, local entertainment, food trucks, market stalls and a wide range of activities from 10 am to 3 pm. I am proud to be supporting this event, along with Anika Wells, federal MP, and Councillor Jared Cassidy. The Geebung RSL are supporting it and helping make this fantastic event possible. There will be some great bands—some of the students that I saw last week at A Factor—some great stalls and great community involvement. I look forward to a great day out. I hope to see you all there.