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 **Mrs MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (7.15 pm): The past weekend was a very busy one in the Jordan electorate. I had the privilege of sharing in some wonderful and significant community events that showcased the very best of our wonderful and diverse community.

On Saturday morning along with the member for Logan, I was honoured to join local families to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Greenbank Scout Group. This is such a large and active scout group. In fact, it is one of Queensland's largest, with a wonderful history and a strong engagement in the local Greenbank community. There are around 130 youth involved in the Greenbank scouts and they have been very fortunate to have had incredible volunteers leading the group over four decades.

The weekend event included a range of fun activities for the kids and a terrific display of memorabilia including original uniforms and photos. Chief Commissioner of Scouts Queensland Geoff Doo presented 30-year service recognition certificates to Sue and Brian Randall. I was also pleased to present some new water coolers for the Joeys. Congratulations to group leader Tony Langler and all of the leaders and scouts of Greenbank. Here is to the next 40 years.

On Sunday morning I joined a number of local community members and the federal member for Oxley for the launch of a very exciting project for our community in greater Springfield. Springfield Lakes Nature Care Inc. is a wonderful and dedicated group that undertakes significant environmental projects in our community and I have been a proud member of the group for a number of years. It was so exciting to see that they were successful in the Australian government's Planting Trees for the Queen's Jubilee Project with a \$20,000 grant. This will allow them to plant around 2,000 trees to see the revegetation of Opossum Creek, a critical wildlife and nature reserve in our region. I want to particularly thank Luise and David Manning, two very passionate champions for the environment in our community, who secured this important grant.

I was also really pleased to attend a number of Neighbour Day events over the weekend including in Flagstone. The Neighbour Day event, organised by local developers Peet, coincided with the official opening of Vista Park, Flagstone's newest park. We know how important local parks are in our communities and this new park, which includes a flying fox, half basketball court and expansive green space, provides another opportunity for local families and young people to connect, play sport and enjoy the great outdoors. It was wonderful to see a really great game of cricket being played while we were there.

The Vista Park launch and Neighbour Day was a great event attended by the young and young at heart and it is a terrific new space for the Flagstone community. With more than 6,000 people now living in Flagstone, which is an important community within our greater Flagstone priority development area, I am always pleased to see any additional investment in community facilities and amenities as required by local developers which improves the livability for our local residents. I might have also had a bit of a go at the flying fox. It was really good fun.