Speech By

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MEMBER FOR MOGGILL

ADJOURNMENT

Moggill Electorate, Australia Day

Dr ROWAN (Moggill—LNP) (7.18 pm): On Australia Day in January it was once again a great privilege and honour to join thousands of local residents across the electorate of Moggill and recognise our nation's deep shared history and culturally rich and diverse communities. At the Our Lady of the Rosary School in Kenmore it was my pleasure to welcome the more than 40 new Australian citizens from 19 countries at a special citizenship ceremony hosted by the Rotary Club of Kenmore. This event is now in its 26th year. I offer my congratulations to president, Dr Sanjoti Parekh, of the Rotary Club of Kenmore and all Kenmore Rotary Club members for hosting this annual ceremony.

Our local Australia Day festivities in the electorate of Moggill would not be complete without the Pullenvale lawnmower race. It was wonderful to see that despite the incredible heat and humidity local residents pulled up camp chairs and laid out picnic blankets on their driveways and front lawns to watch this great annual spectacle. This year I again supported the Mount Crosby Bowls Club and provided sponsorship for its Australia Day extravaganza. Families from across the community, particularly Karana Downs, Mount Crosby and beyond, came together for a great barbecue and live music, with children having a great time on the jumping castle out on the green and some unique Australian activities, including thong throwing and egg-and-spoon races. I would like to acknowledge the club president Mr Dan Parker and I look forward to working with Dan and the Mount Crosby Bowls Club committee to further enhance this fantastic local community club.

Later in the day it was a further privilege to welcome 20 new Australian citizens from seven countries at a special Australia Day citizenship ceremony hosted by the Karana-Bellbowrie Rotary Club at the Bellbowrie Sports and Community Club. My congratulations to Karana-Bellbowrie Rotary Club president, Mel Newberry, and all Rotarians and volunteers for making this ceremony possible. I would also like to give a special thank you to all members of the Brisbane Citizens Concert Band who gave a terrific performance as a part of the ceremony. The Bellbowrie Sports and Community Club also hosted an outstanding community afternoon event for residents, complete with market stalls and showcasing great community organisations, including the Moggill group SES, the 4070 Neighbourhood Watch with Jordan Vollmer, also the Queensland Police Service's 'Ivan' mobile police beat van. Also thanks to patrol group inspector Corey Allen APM and Acting Senior Sergeant Darin Carruthers, as well as other local community groups, including the Moggill Girl Guides, the Moggill Scouts Group and the Moggill Cricket Club. Well done to Sarah Dick and Amanda Strachan of the Bellbowrie Sports and Community Club in organising the Bellbowrie festivities.

After an extensive day out across the electorate of Moggill, it was a pleasure to conclude the day by joining Brookfield Show Society president Dan Petrie and other local residents for an afternoon at the Brookfield Showgrounds where many were enjoying a well-earned drink at the iconic Brookfield Bar. My thanks again to all residents and local organisations for bringing our community together each in their unique way to mark Australia Day, celebrating our nation's shared history whilst also embracing the wealth of cultures and communities that make our nation and state of Queensland so unique.