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 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (6.06 pm): There has been much happening in the Toowoomba region recently and there is so much more that is going on. I want to highlight a couple of things for the benefit of the House. The Western Clydesdales, after a 17-year gap from the Hostplus Cup, have rejoined the Queensland Cup. It has been a very long time. Previously the Toowoomba Clydesdales, we are now the Western Clydesdales. We have not got off to the best start—we have run up against the PNG Hunters and the Tweed Seagulls—but we are off to the Sunshine Coast this week. I look forward to us posting our first win. This would not have been possible but for chairman Tony Coonan, who is first cousin to the member for Condamine, my dear friend and colleague in the House, coach Jason and captain Darryn. The team has done our region proud already and I know that they have great things ahead of them this season.

I also acknowledge the centenary of the QCWA that was held at Marinya, a home outside Cambooya, last weekend. One hundred years ago the QCWA founder, Ruth Fairfax, launched the CWA from that homestead. It was wonderful to have there present local legends Angus Lane, who did a wonderful job emceeing, sharing his wisdom and insights with those present, and Tim Fairfax, former chancellor of QUT and one of Australia's great philanthropists. It was wonderful to have Tim there as a grandson of Ruth Fairfax, the found of the QCWA. It was a wonderful day. I also managed to meet Clive Berghofer's 92-year-old sister Lovey, still a proud member of the CWA in Queensland.

It started this afternoon, but the Toowoomba Show is back for its 158th presentation to the community of Toowoomba.

Ms Bates interjected.

Mr JANETZKI: Nearly as good as the Mudgeeraba show; I take that interjection. It has only been World War II and COVID that have stopped the show over its 160-year history. It is where the show movement began in Queensland—Queensland's very first show. CEO Damon and the committee have been through some really difficult times over the past 10 years with bad weather, but the weather looks pretty good this year. An amazing drone light spectacular is coming to the show this year. The exhibitions will be great. Entries are up across all the categories. I wish Damon and the show committee a wonderful show. I cannot wait to get out there tomorrow.

I also pay tribute to the cast of *Boy from Oz*. The local production was on last weekend. My family is a bit obsessed with *Hamilton* at the moment, so it was great to hear another musical, the *Boy from Oz*, and to see our local talent. People like Justin, Shannon and Michael are well-known figures on Toowoomba stages. It was wonderful to see them present again on the stage. It is another wonderful reminder of the local talent we have: dancing, acting, singing—all the triple treats across our region. I congratulate the Empire Theatre, Kerry and chairman Andrew on another wonderful production.