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 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (7.06 pm): September is always a big month in the Garden City, and this month is no exception. Firstly, I want to give a shout-out tonight to the South West Queensland Thunder girls who play in the grand final of Queensland's pinnacle football competition this weekend. They are up against it. They are up against Brisbane City that have been undefeated all season. They have scored 144 goals in 19 games. We are coming off a big win—five nil over Broadbeach United. Good luck to the girls. They have done an amazing job all season. It is the best ever season from them. They are also doing great work in the community and building culture in their club. Good luck to them on the weekend.

I also want to comment on the Toowoomba Choral Society's production of *Les Mis*. The last year or two I have been pretty obsessed about *Hamilton*, but I must admit *Les Mis* remains my favourite musical. They have done an outstanding job. The season finished up on the weekend. It had a great local cast. It was a great local production. It had great local talent. There was Brad as Valjean, Shannon as Cosette—well known to Toowoomba audiences—Tara as Fantine and Flynn as Enjolras. John Maskell did an outstanding job as Javert. The stars brought the house down. For the Toowoomba Choral Society it is another season behind them of their much loved production of *Les Mis*.

I also pay tribute to our long-serving mayor who stood down recently. I congratulate new Mayor Geoff McDonald and new Deputy Mayor Rebecca Vonhoff. They are going to do an outstanding job for our region. They are going to lead an invigorated and refreshed team. I pay tribute to Paul for his 40-odd years of public service. He has made an outstanding contribution over all those years. Out of 23 candidates yesterday, we also have a replacement councillor on our council—a small business owner, well known to the Toowoomba community—Edwina Farquhar. I congratulate Eddie on her appointment yesterday as our new councillor. We need to see small businesspeople, small and family business, represented in our local government areas. She is going to do an outstanding job and bring great talent, energy and a forward-looking approach to council. I wish her well.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to give a plug for the Carnival of Flowers because this weekend the grand floral parade is on Saturday morning. It is the time when our city comes alive. I have to pay tribute to the Toowoomba Regional Council. They have done a great job with all the parks and gardens again this year. We saw that at all of the memorial services we have had for Vietnam Veterans' Day over the last couple of weeks and other services. They have done a great job on the gardens. If anybody is looking for something to do this weekend, get up to the Toowoomba and enjoy the very finest that our region has to offer.