



Speech By  
**Hon. Di Farmer**


**MEMBER FOR BULIMBA**

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Bulimba Electorate, Anzac Day**

 **Hon. DE FARMER** (Bulimba—ALP) (Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development) (7.28 pm): It is so good to be in the wonderful city of Cairns. I want to talk today about Anzac Day, which is a special day for all of us. It is a day when we acknowledge the extraordinary service of the men and women who have served on our behalf. This year it was the 108th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. We know that the Anzac Day celebrations are about the First World War, but have since come to reflect the service of men and women in every conflict and every peacekeeping effort since then. I pay tribute to all of those fine people.

I want to use this occasion to pay tribute to the people who give our community the opportunity to pay their respects to those fine people for their extraordinary service. We know that we would not have that opportunity without some significant people in our own local communities, and we all have them. I want to mention them because it is such an incredibly big effort that they make. I want to thank Brian Daley OAM, the president of the Bulimba and District RSL Sub-Branch and his mighty members. I want to thank Eric Beutel, who is the president of the Norman Park National Servicemen's RSL Sub-Branch who is retiring after 35 years of helping to run the service there. I thank our very own HMAS Moreton and the schools of my electorate which all ran their own services and/or took part in the services on the day. We all go to our school services and see even the little preppies knowing the seriousness of the occasion. I thank the schools for making sure that those kids are the ones who are taking these memories into the future; we need them so much.

To Lourdes Hill College; Bulimba State School; Balmoral State High School; Cannon Hill Anglican College; Murarrie, Morningside and Seven Hills state schools; St Oliver Plunkett; Sts Peter and Paul's; St Thomas'; Norman Park State School, which does a special service to support the Nashos down there in their memorial service; Camp Hill State School—and, Mr Deputy Speaker, you know that school very well—which took over from the service of the RSL sub-branch at Camp Hill and Belmont and have been running the service ever since; to Bulimba Girl Guides and the Morningside Scouts; to the Bulimba Bowlo, which is a memorial bowls club; to the residents of Suvla Street—their street is named after Suvla Bay—who get the whole community together to pay their respects; to Keith who is 100 and who puts on a dawn service at his place—I think he had about 300 people there on the day; to Craig who played the didgeridoo at the Norman Park service—his great uncle was Len Waters, the first Aboriginal military aviator—I thank you all and I honour you for your work.