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 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (7.15 pm): There are celebrations aplenty in Greenslopes. The Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association is celebrating 50 years. The great club started when that fantastic sport was just in its infancy. Congratulations to President Corey Nolan and the team on a great year. Any night of the week you can go down to BMTA and there will be thousands people participating. I have been there myself as a player, I spent a lot more time there as a parent and now I am a patron as well. It is a great club.

On Saturday night I joined the Harty Street kindy community to celebrate 70 years. The kindy is a real Coorparoo institution. They originally started in St Stephens Anglican Church hall and then moved down the road to Harty Street. Well done to Anita Lockland and all the team on a great celebration. It is a fantastic part of our community.

Another great educational institution—many of their students would have started at Harty Street—is Villanova College, which is celebrating 75 years. It is a great Augustinian institution that offers a great Catholic education. The school originally started at Hamilton but thankfully moved to Coorparoo. Villanova is also the home of the Queensland Catholic Music Festival, which is a Queensland institution as far as I am concerned. It was started by a number of volunteers. A number of former members of this chamber went to Villanova College, Kerry Shine and Paul Lucas to name two.

It would be very remiss of me not to mention the 90th anniversary of the Easts Tigers, also known as the Brisbane Tigers. What better way to celebrate than winning their first top-grade premiership since 1991. Well done to CEO Brian Torpy, President Keith Phillips, Coach Matt Church and Captain Ryley Jacks on a fantastic year. The club started out in Coorparoo as the Coorparoo Bengals in 1917. The team became the Eastern Suburbs District Rugby League Club in 1933. There are too many legends from the club to mention them all, but I will mention a couple: Johnny Lang, Rod Morris, Cody Walker and Cameron Munster. Towering above them all is the great Des Morris who has 50 years of service to the club as a player, a coach and a CEO. It was really exciting. I have forgotten how many grand finals I have sat through sadly not getting the gong. It was fanatic to finally sit there and see a great win by the East Tigers.

It was also nice to see the Tigers women's team going well this year. They did not quite get all the way. It was also really nice to see the NRLW bringing three games to Langlands Park, also known as Totally Workwear Stadium. That has happened because of the Palaszczuk Labor government's investment in the stadium upgrade.

Finally, on a sad note, I note the passing of a couple of constituents and friends: Barbara Baker, Rita Hartzis and Dave Carey. They were all fantastic servants of our community. They were all wonderful people. I am very sad that they have departed. They are a great loss to our community. Vale, Barbara Baker, Rita Hartzis and Dave Carey.