




Speech By
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 **Mr SKELTON** (Nicklin—ALP) (7.22 pm): It was a busy weekend in the electorate of Nicklin. Friday night under lights I watched the Nambour Toads at 'Toad Manor' in Woombye clinch a nailbiting 13-12 win over Noosa in the senior men's Rugby grand final. Sorry, Sandy. On Saturday in Nambour I dropped into the museum with a beer glass from the old Sunshine Plantation kindly found and returned by my good mate the member for Mundingburra at a garage sale in Townsville. Curator Clive said it is almost 50 years old and it joins the rest of the Big Pineapple collection. Also on Saturday in Nambour I attended the new Challenge Accepted gel ball facility on Price Street for a tournament championship. I had the great pleasure of having a blast and handing out the prizes in this new and exciting sport.

On Sunday the town of Yandina held its first annual Yandina Street Fair since before the COVID-19 pandemic. This was a momentous day for Yandina. Thank you to all of the businesses, community organisations, committee members and volunteers that worked so hard to make the 2023 Yandina Street Fair such a success. It was wonderful to see everyone in attendance celebrating our region and everything it has to offer. The main street of Yandina was full and bustling with thousands of visitors—a surely welcome sight for local business owners and the community. I want to personally thank each of the committee: Greg, the chairman; Terri, who took the roles of secretary and administration and organised the street performers; Jo, who took care of finance as well as public relations alongside Holly; Belinda, who organised the entertainment; and stalls and amusements were managed by Cindy and Noah. The Yandina QCWA had its successful raffle, with prizes donated from local businesses and organisations going to some very thrilled winners. Well done, Maureen and the ladies! The hall of arts had a wonderful local history display, with local Deb Collier getting around in an 1870s dress that she handmade herself to add to the colourful spectacle. The stall holders included the Yandina State School and the Nambour Yandina United Football Club, to name just a few.

Overall, the Yandina Street Fair was an outstanding event with a huge amount of effort and input from the Yandina community and the Street Fair Committee. It was my pleasure to be a sponsor and hand certificates of appreciation to the other people who also sponsored it. Congratulations to the winners of the eight raffles that were up for grabs on the day. It is a great thing to see our local communities in Nicklin busy and thriving. I speak for everyone when I say we are looking forward to next year's Street Fair with great anticipation. My apologies for not being able to name everyone involved and everyone that I have spoken with over the days since.

Lastly, I give a special shout-out to the Yandina North Arm Rural Fire Brigade that was there beforehand to help set up at 5.30 and stayed afterwards until well after 7.30 to clean up and hose down the streets. It was a long day for the crew, who have since already been out this week back-burning. Your local member owes you a few tinnies. It was a pleasure to attend all of the events and it is a privilege to represent this community.