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## ADJOURNMENT

### Nicklin Electorate, Events

 **Mr SKELTON** (Nicklin—ALP) (7.16 pm): I rise in support of the magnificent region of Nicklin. There is always so much going on I can barely keep up. Last Saturday I was delighted to attend the Nambour Museum's 30th anniversary. Clive Plater OAM, the museum's president, was my esteemed host and we talked about legacy and future. What I saw were loads of local families enjoying a day out whilst listening to the lively music played by the Noosa brass band. Later that day I ventured to Gemfest at the Nambour Showgrounds. Ably led by Keith Millington and organised by the Nambour Lapidary club, Gemfest attracted stalls and visitors from miles around. It was a great success and a great day for Nambour.

On Sunday I had the pleasure of being in Mapleton for the Blackall100. Runners from across the country contested this gruelling event. It contributes so much to the community and is the biggest event held there. Later that day I checked out some classic cars and automobile history at the Cooroy Car Show. It was hosted by the Combined Coastal Car Club and enjoyed by many from across the region and afar. It was a fantastic day out for all.

On the weekend just gone at the Nambour Showgrounds was DogFest—an initiative from the Sunshine Coast Council. It was a showcase for all things canine. In Beerwah, the Festuri multicultural event was staged. Starting in 1999 in Nambour by Dominique B Cisse, it has grown all over the coast over the years. In the afternoon I joined with the STUFFit Student Film Festival. It is now in its 12th year, having been started by Bernadette Natoli at St John's College in Nambour. This festival now reaches students from around the globe. Thank you to Robyn Cook and the volunteers, Black Box Theatre and the many sponsors. In another coup, we had the delightful Rosanna Natoli from Channel 7 Sunshine Coast and Dan Munday, producer of TV shows like *Survivor*, to present awards to the lucky winners.

During the week, I received the great honour of becoming the patron of the Cooroy-Eumundi Cricket Club. I was gifted my 'baggy green' from John, Rob and Dave. I look forward to a bumper summer of cricket across the coast.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Woombye Snakes Football Club for their mentorship of our young people. I mention Andy, Col and Matt but there are a great many volunteers who contribute so much. I was invited to the presentation on Saturday night which was to recognise the achievements of the club for the season. It also marked the unveiling of the Amber Stokes memorial viewing deck. Amber was a dearly loved club stalwart and community champion but more importantly mother, daughter, aunty and partner. Vale, Amber.