



Speech By  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Australia Day**

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (7.18 pm): In the electorate of Moggill Australia Day is always an important opportunity to acknowledge and recognise our nation's shared history and, importantly, to celebrate our culturally diverse communities. This year I was honoured to welcome more than 80 conferees from over 20 countries at two very special local citizenship ceremonies. I wish to offer my congratulations and sincere appreciation to both the Rotary Club of Kenmore and the Karana Bellbowrie Rotary Club for facilitating these wonderful events.

Another annual highlight on Australia Day in my local community is our unique Pullenvale lawnmower race. As the local state member for Moggill, it was my pleasure to contribute to the event by sponsoring the barbecue, and I wish to offer my sincere thanks to the Pullenvale IGA store for their assistance and community support. My congratulations goes to all participants who competed in the 21st annual Pullenvale lawnmower race.

Following the Pullenvale lawnmower race, it was great to catch up with locals at the Mount Crosby Bowls Club Australia Day Extravaganza before visiting the Brookfield Showground to catch up with Brookfield Show Society President, Dan Petrie. It was wonderful to conclude the day with local residents and families for an afternoon full of fun, various activities and live music at our local Bellbowrie Sports and Community Club.

With the commencement of the 2024 school year, it has been a privilege to attend many student leadership assemblies where I have had the honour of presenting badges to our school leaders, including at Moggill State School, Mount Crosby State School and also Kenmore State School. To all of our local students who have been appointed to leadership roles, I offer my sincere congratulations and I look forward to seeing the positive impact that they will all have on their individual schools throughout the year. Whilst on the subject of schools within the Moggill electorate, I look forward to celebrating Pullenvale State School's 150th anniversary next month alongside residents as well as current and former students and teachers. This is a significant milestone and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the invaluable contribution the school has made to shaping the lives of local children over the past 150 years. My youngest two children, Angus and Lucinda, certainly enjoyed their time at Pullenvale State School.

A number of community groups in the electorate of Moggill have recently received vital funding via the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, and it was certainly a pleasure to provide my strong support to these organisations as part of their application for funding, including the Bellbowrie Kindy, the Moggill Scout Group and the University of Queensland Football Club which will all share in over \$80,000, so congratulations to all of those recipients. In addition to these grants, I also had the pleasure of supporting the Brisbane River Golf Club at Karana Downs by donating a defibrillator to its clubhouse. As a long-term supporter of the Brisbane River Golf Club at Karana Downs, I was pleased to provide this defibrillator and enhance the emergency response capability of not only this sporting organisation but also the local community given the linkages between this particular golf club and the Moggill Group SES.