




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR NANANGO

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Nanango Electorate

 **Hon. DK FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity) (2.03 pm): Most of the Nanango electorate has been soaked by showers and storms this week. Monday night saw the Brooklands area saturated with 144 millimetres and Barkers Creek flats resembled an inland sea. The Boyne and Stuart rivers and Barkers and Barambah creeks have all been rising, leading to multiple road closures.

The northern part of my electorate has certainly not missed out either, with flooding hitting parts of Goomeri. This has resulted in several floodwater rescues. I thank our local fire, SES and emergency services personnel and neighbours for their efforts in protecting our community. Only part of the way into our wild and wondrous Queensland summer, I urge everyone to stay safe.

I was very pleased to take my good friend the Minister for Education to the Somerset region last week. We were both overjoyed to visit the beautiful Mount Kilcoy State School and Kilcoy State High School. The students at Mount Kilcoy lined the front fence to greet us and principal, Ellen Mead, proudly gave us a tour of what I would say is the most picturesque, beautiful school in Queensland. The students were delighted to show off their diligent work to the education minister.

Just down the road at Kilcoy State High School the community were excited to finally have their brand new multipurpose hall officially opened. For many years I have stood shoulder to shoulder with the community in advocating for this well overdue asset. A special mention goes to Tony Martin, Kim Williams, Sheridan Robinson and school business manager Sally Wright for their tireless work. We had former principals present. We can remember sitting under a blue tarpaulin. The hall is wonderful. It is fitted out with stage lighting and sound equipment. Students will use this hall for their arts program. I know that local mayor, Jason Wendt, was very excited about this because he may be able to use it if there is a disaster this coming season.

I would like to note that volunteers are the backbone of our regional communities. Kym and Denise Modistach are an example of volunteers in my community. I was honoured to have them here in parliament as guests of the Minister for Volunteers. Kilcoy Hospital Auxiliary, Kilcoy Show Society, Hazeldean Rural Fire Brigade, Kilcoy District Progress Association, Friends of the Kilcoy Cemetery and the Kilcoy Rodeo Committee are lucky to have both of them on board. In addition to these valuable organisations I have just listed, if you can believe it, Denise is also a wonderful volunteer justice of the peace.

In the five seconds remaining, I give a big happy birthday to my little brother, Tim. It is his birthday today. Happy birthday.