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Moggill Electorate, Seniors Morning Tea

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (6.08 pm): I rise tonight to inform the House of my annual seniors morning tea that I last held during Seniors Week on Friday, 25 August 2017. At the time, this event was held at the Kenmore Uniting Church. I commenced this annual local function during my first year as the state member for Moggill and it is becoming more successful each and every year with the event in 2017 attracting over 150 attendees.

I arranged this annual morning tea to thank seniors in the Moggill electorate for the contribution they have made and continue to make, not only to their families but also to our local community. Together with the morning tea comprising fresh scones, sandwiches, pastries, muffins and small cakes, I also arranged entertainment for the morning.

Last year we were delighted to have the Our Lady of the Rosary junior and senior choir perform, with many guests tapping away as they enjoyed the beautiful voices of the choir members. Ms Melinda Emery, the client services manager of Home Instead Senior Care, also addressed guests about the changes occurring in the aged care sector and the reforms that the Australian government has now introduced with respect to how it subsidises home care which, in turn, will enable more seniors to remain in their own homes.

Ms Judy Magub from the Kenmore and District Historical Society also gave a presentation with a slide show on the history of the suburbs of Kenmore, Kenmore Hills, Chapel Hill, Fig Tree Pocket and Pullenvale. This was of great interest to all present on the day. Last but certainly not least was a performance by the Kenmore State High School instrumental group that formed an important part of our entertainment both in 2016 and 2017. The proficiency that the students displayed with their instruments is a credit to them, their musical tutors, teachers and parents.

I also was delighted to share the morning tea with Aunty Jean Phillips, an Indigenous advocate, and our local CWA women, who both had tables of their handiwork on display available for purchase. I am also very fortunate in my electorate of Moggill to have the Kenmore branch of the National Seniors Association which represents local residents and members 50 years plus. They meet monthly at the Kenmore Library at the Kenmore Village Shopping Centre. On 1 August 2017, I was honoured to attend their AGM that saw John Kahlert re-elected as president, Brian Mitchell as vice-president, Janet Allen re-elected to the secretary role and Gudrun Schuck as treasurer. Certainly Seniors Week gives Queenslanders of all ages an opportunity to come together and celebrate the invaluable contribution of older residents.

I was delighted that I was able to hold the seniors morning tea for 2017 during such an important week. I am already looking forward to my next seniors morning tea in 2018, particularly given that I am now the LNP's shadow minister for seniors. Finally, in my remaining time I want to make special mention of local resident Frank Beattie. He is an iconic local resident who served our nation with distinction in Vietnam. I want to let him know that I and many other people have him in our thoughts and prayers as he bravely battles prostate cancer.