




Speech By
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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (6.13 pm): I rise to inform the House of two important community events that take place in the electorate of Moggill. Firstly, the Karana Downs Brisbane River Markets and, secondly, the Pullenvale Folk Festival. The Brisbane River Markets take place on the fourth Sunday of each month in the leafy surrounds of the Brisbane River Golf Club which is located in Karana Downs. Local artist Tanja Stark and her fiancé Jason have been operating the markets since March of this year and they are to be commended for their success. The markets are a fantastic way to celebrate everything that is great about our local community and with over 1,500 visitors in July they are growing rapidly.

Crucial to the success of the markets is the participation by local vendors who ensure that a wide variety of products and experiences are offered to all who attend. The markets are geared towards providing something for everyone, including pets. Visitors can enjoy food stalls which sell fresh meats, organic produce and homemade preserves. They can enjoy live music, workshops for arts and crafts and a variety of activities for kids. Most importantly, the markets are a great opportunity to showcase our local talent and produce. It was a pleasure to attend at the markets recently and I encourage others in the electorate of Moggill and beyond to come along and support these local markets.

I also had the pleasure this year of joining Councillor Kate Richards at the Pullenvale Folk Festival. As always it was fantastic to see so much local talent on display. I commend both Councillor Richards and the Rotary Club of Kenmore on their success. The turnout this year was almost 4,000 attendees with people coming from across Brisbane to join in the fun. The festival boasts a variety of children's activities, al fresco dining and food vans and, of course, live local musicians. This year's line-up included Cameron Milford, John Fegan, Flower and Trengrove, Ruby Gilbert, 8 Ball Aitken, Hillbilly Goats and Juzzie Smith to name just a few. All performers were outstanding and had the crowd on their feet for most of the day. I would encourage all local artists interested in performing at next year's festival to register their interest with Brisbane City Council. The success of this year's event has cemented the Pullenvale Folk Festival on the community events calendar and it will occur again in late July of next year.

I also take this opportunity to mention that I recently attended the Kenmore State High School 2018 Premier Awards night. The junior secondary student of the year is a highly contested and coveted award. Congratulations to Zoe Hennessy. Zoe has achieved outstanding academic results across all her subjects. She has been involved in numerous school activities and she has consistently upheld the school's values. The Kenmore State High School dux for 2018 is Parsa Emami. Parsa is a very deserving recipient who has achieved outstanding results this year and who consistently achieved amazing results throughout his time at Kenmore State High School. I offer my congratulations to him. It was terrific to present the dux award and the junior secondary student of the year award on the night.

I also take this opportunity to acknowledge my good friend and a former constituent of the electorate of Moggill, Mr Daniel King, who will join me tonight for dinner in the parliamentary Stranger's Dining Room. His parents, James and Joy, and his brother Ben have been friends over years and I have certainly enjoyed their hospitality.