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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.25 pm): Recently the Morrison federal coalition government announced that it will be launching a royal commission into aged care. The royal commission will primarily look at the quality of care provided in residential and home aged-care settings to senior Australians, but it will also include young Australians with disabilities living in residential aged-care settings.

Although the final terms of reference have yet to be determined, it is expected that they will include: firstly, the quality of care provided to older Australians and the extent of substandard care; secondly, the challenge of providing care to Australians with disabilities living in residential aged care, particularly younger people with disabilities; thirdly, the challenge of supporting the increasing number of Australians suffering dementia and addressing their care needs as they age; and, fourthly, the future challenges and opportunities for delivering aged-care services in the context of changing demographics, including in remote, rural and regional Australia.

As revealed by the ABC's *Four Corners* report, far too many cases of elder abuse and neglect have been reported across Queensland and Australia. The Liberal National Party stands in support of seniors, for safe communities and for real action to support all aged Queenslanders. I hope that all members of the Palaszczuk Labor government will join me in supporting the Morrison federal coalition government's royal commission into aged care.

In my remaining time, I acknowledge and congratulate a number of community and sporting organisations with respect to events that were held last weekend in my electorate of Moggill. Firstly, the Brookfield Uniting Church held its country market. Congratulations to Reverend Dr John Roulston, Edith McPhee and the many volunteers who assisted on the day.

The Brisbane Independent School held its 50th anniversary celebrations. Congratulations to principal, Jen Haynes, the school board, Friends of BIS, staff, parents and students. I also attended the Chapel Hill Community Kindergarten art show. Well done to social convenor, Natalie Obersky, staff and parents.

I presented awards at the Kenmore Bears Junior Australian Football Club. Congratulations to president, Rod Lake, coaches, parents and players at that club. The UQFC Kenmore end of season presentation day was held last Sunday. Congratulations to president Andrew Bird, vice president Joanna Cullinan, other executive members, Remo Buess, staff, coaches, parents and players.

The Combined Moggill Pony Club and Help Enterprises' McIntyre Centre Riding for Disabled open hack day was also held. President Brad Henderson, vice presidents James Robinson and Tanya Holliman, all committee members and many others ensured the day was an outstanding success. It was certainly terrific to be able to present ribbons. I joined other local representatives there. Barry Searle from the *Local Bulletin* community newspaper was also there.

On Friday night I also attended the Kenmore-Moggill RSL sub branch 2018 annual dinner. Congratulations to president, Rick Maher, and his team on a successful night. I table a copy of the program from the evening.

Tabled paper: Document, dated 14 September 2018, titled 'The Returned and Services League of Australia, Kenmore-Moggill sub-branch, 2018 Annual Dinner' [\[1418\]](#).