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## ADJOURNMENT

### Ormeau Fair

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Albert—LNP) (6.42 pm): Firstly, I congratulate the member for Nudgee and wish him well for a great wedding and a happy marriage.

I rise tonight to inform the House of a wonderful event in the Albert electorate—the annual Ormeau Fair to be held this weekend. The locals love to call it the mini Ekka. It all started back in 2004 when the then President of Ormeau Lions Club, Norm Jessen, came up with the idea of hosting a local fair at Ormeau. Norm Jessen was a long-servicing president of the Ormeau Lions Club. He served as president from 2005 to 2012. Norm had a dream to fill Brien Harris Oval with a fair that would bring the community together. Since that time, the fair has continued to go from strength to strength.

This year's fair will not be any different to previous years. It is targeted at families and aims to have a nice family atmosphere. There will be about 150 stalls, dance companies, farm animals, the VIP dog show, pony rides, the Showman's Guild side show alley and the classic car show, which is a hit. More importantly, other community groups participate, such as the Helensvale Lions Club and the Beenleigh Rotary Club.

There will be firework displays. Local school students will go head to head with dance and music competitions. Last year, federal member Bert Van Manen, Deputy Mayor of the Gold Coast City Council, Councillor Donna Gate, and I had the very tough job of judging the dance competition. The talent in the local area is amazing.

The Ormeau Fair is a family event. It is free entry. All site fee profits go to the local Lions club to filter back into the community. These fairs would not be possible without a team of dedicated volunteers, people like current club president Margaret O'Neil, Peter Russell, Lyn Young, Carmel Austin, Peter Young, Mary McGrath, Barry McGrath, Drina Meades, Cobi Lagas, Boyd Evans, Ron Weatherby, Pauline Weatherby, Ronda Shevill, Ken Freney, Alan Tuck and the wonderful Sam Campbell who have given so much time to help organise this event.

This year the fair will be fantastic. It is the eighth Ormeau Fair. I invite everybody in the House to come down.