



**Adjournment Speech by
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Eumundi and District Historical Association

Mr ELMES (Noosa--LNP) (10.07 pm): I rise tonight to speak about the town of Eumundi, a community in my electorate of Noosa with an extraordinary community spirit. On 17 September I attended and chaired the election of office-bearers for the AGM of the Eumundi and District Historical Association. The EHA runs the famous Eumundi Markets, which are at the heart of this community and the proceeds of which are distributed to worthwhile local community organisations. At the AGM I witnessed many of these groups receiving varying amounts, ranging from hundreds to thousands of dollars, including Riding for the Disabled, the Eumundi State Primary School P&C and Eumundi Care and Share. In addition to this, more than \$100,000 has been provided by the EHA, in a one-off contribution, towards the establishment of the Eumundi Aquatic Centre.

In total, around \$200,000 is raised and distributed by the EHA each year. When we consider that the Eumundi and District Historical Association has been in existence for around 25 years it gives us some idea of the enormous contribution that this dedicated group, now managed by CEO Peter Homan, has made. The community of Eumundi is creating for itself a unique image which contributes to its success outside of the market days on Wednesdays and Saturdays. This blend of business, together with the encouragement of exceptional local creative talent, means that Eumundi is now a destination in its own right and a significant contributor to the overall tourism experience of the Sunshine Coast. A few days after the AGM, the second Australian Body Art Carnivale was held in the town. This event is supported by EHA and many thousands of additional visitors flocked to the town to experience this original and distinctive art form.

I must admit that I wondered what the public reaction would be to some of the very scantily clad men and women who were decorated in paints, in some cases from head to toe, as a living canvas. Not one untoward comment was heard, which highlights the maturity of the community and its willingness to embrace and appreciate all forms of creative talent.

I am pleased to be able to advise that the third Australian Body Art Carnivale will be held in Eumundi on 12 and 13 September 2009. Along with her committee and supporters, Joyce Turnbull, the President of the Eumundi and District Historical Association and the publisher of the local paper the Eumundi Green, deserves the highest accolades for her contribution to Eumundi, a unique Queensland community.
