Dr GEOFF LEE—That this House:

(1) Notes the outstanding work of the police in the Parramatta Local Area Command.

(2) Congratulates the 10 police officers awarded the Parramatta Rotary 2010/11 award for outstanding service.

(3) Congratulates Sergeant Andrew Cross, named as the Parramatta Rotary Officer for 2010/11.

(4) Commends the Parramatta Rotary clubs for the initiative and support of these important awards.
Dr GEOFF LEE—That this House:

(1) Recognises that homelessness is a significant and pressing issue facing New South Wales.

(2) Notes that Homeless Persons Week, held in August 2011, aims to draw attention to the plight of homeless people across Australia.

(3) Notes the outstanding work undertaken by Anglicare's Street Outreach, Parramatta Mission and other community organisations in the Parramatta area in feeding the local homeless population.

(4) Thanks Greg Hirst and Stan Small of the Brotherhood of Christian Bikers for their assistance in promoting a positive and hopeful message on homelessness in the Parramatta area.
Dr GEOFF LEE—That this House:

(1) Notes that 15 August 2011 is Indian Independence Day.

(2) Acknowledges the contribution made by Indian Australians in Parramatta and in the wider community to Australian culture, society and the economy.

(3) Congratulates the United Indian Association for its work in organising community events in the Parramatta area to commemorate this important day.

(4) Wishes the United Indian Association in Parramatta and across New South Wales all the best as they celebrate this pivotal day in Indian history.
Dr GEOFF LEE—That this House:

(1) Notes the launch of the exhibition 'From Canton with Courage - Chinese Australians in Parramatta and Beyond' on Saturday 6 August 2011.

(2) Acknowledges the ongoing contribution made by the Chinese community in Parramatta and in the wider community to Australian culture, society and the economy.

(3) Congratulates the Parramatta City Council Lord Mayor John Chedid, Parramatta Heritage Centre, author Jack Brook, Gay Hendriksen and the wider Sydney Australian Chinese Community for their work and support in organising this exhibition.
Dr GEOFF LEE—That this House:

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(2) Acknowledges the contribution made by Indian Australians in Parramatta and in the wider community to Australian culture, society and the economy.

(3) Congratulates the Council of Indian Australians for its work in organising community events in the Parramatta area to commemorate this important day.

(4) Wishes the Indian Australian community in Parramatta and across New South Wales all the best as they celebrate this pivotal day in Indian history.
Dr GEOFF LEE—That this House:

(1) Recognises the NSW Police Force prosecutors for conducting the prestigious J. H. Milne Prepared Speech Competition for 50 years.


(3) Acknowledges the competition winner Andrew Kingston with his speech “The Johnnies and the Mehmets”.

(4) Congratulates Leah Argent on winning the Trainee Prosecutor of the Year.
KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI FESTIVAL

Dr GEOFF LEE—That this House:

(1) Notes that Krishna Janmashtami is an important Hindu festival that celebrates the birth of Krishna, an avatar of the god Vishnu.

(2) Conveys its best wishes to the Parramatta Hindu community, in particular followers of the Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, on the occasion of Krishna Janmashtami.

(3) Congratulates Yogi Savania and the organisers of this year's Krishna Janmashtami on their efforts in putting on the event.
Dr GEOFF LEE—That this House:

(1) Acknowledges the contribution made by the Australian-Chinese community to the growth and development of modern Australia.

(2) Notes that the Chinese Australian Forum is a non-partisan body established in 1985 to provide the Chinese community with a voice in the Australian political process.

(3) Congratulates President Tony Pang and the office bearers and management committee members for their contribution to building a harmonious and socially cohesive Australian society.
Dr GEOFF LEE—That this House:

(1) Recognises the award-winning Parramatta City Band for a century of outstanding service to Parramatta and New South Wales.

(2) Notes that 2011 is the 100th anniversary of the Parramatta City Band, and that a centenary dinner was held on 20 August 2011.

(3) Congratulates musical director Jonathan Gatt, secretary Gillian Howell, and all past and present members of the Parramatta City Band for being part of this treasured cultural institution.
Dr GEOFF LEE—That this House:

(1) Notes that western Sydney is home to an active and growing Jewish community based around the Parramatta and Districts Synagogue in the Parramatta electorate.

(2) Notes that the B'Nai Yacov School is in its second year of operation and offers an education grounded in the teachings of Judaism for Jewish families in western Sydney.

(3) Conveys its supports to Rabbi Wernick and the Parramatta Jewish community in striving to maintain the warmest, most inviting and family friendly synagogue in Australia.
Dr GEOFF LEE—That this House:

(1) Notes that the Parramatta-based Western Sydney Community Forum works to build strong, organised communities by bridging the divide between communities and policymakers at the local, regional, state and national levels.

(2) Notes that the ZEST Greater Western Sydney Community Sector Awards, supported by the Western Sydney Community Forum, recognises excellence in community sector organisations across the region.

(3) Praises the work being undertaken by the forum, under the leadership of its Executive Officer, Mary Waterford, in preparation for the 2012 ZEST Awards and welcomes the financial contribution of the Government towards hosting the event.