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Speaker Broadbent, Russell, MP

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Mr BROADBENT (McMillan) (16:24): A hundred years ago, White Bros of Williamstown built the *Janet Iles*, which then plied its trade near the southern tip of Victoria, close to Tasmania, off Port Welshpool in my electorate of McMillan. We celebrated the other day with Danny O'Brien, who is the upper house member for Gippsland, and Jim Fawcett, the Mayor of South Gippsland. Jeanette Harding and Mohya Davies were also there. From the committee were Frank Grylls, Elizabeth Robinson and—I think—Mr Gary Gordon. These people are dedicated. We have heard from a number of members speaking about people who are dedicated to their communities.

These people have this beautiful museum, and in a part of that museum they have preserved the *Janet Iles*. It was a great pleasure just to go down to Port Welshpool to see how these people have preserved this boat that has been so much part of the community, this launch that has been so much part of the community, and the way that they go about tending their most amazing, very, very small but very, very articulate, beautiful museum. It is amazing.

For people that might like to travel to Port Welshpool and get along to that new jetty that we are going to fund into the future—if I can have a bit of a talk to the Prime Minister quietly!—the long jetty and this museum will make a partnership that will make Port Welshpool fly again.