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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.18 pm): As the Liberal National Party's shadow minister for the arts, last year I had the opportunity to attend the metropolitan preview of the Queensland Regional Art Awards *State of Diversity* exhibition which was held by the Flying Arts Alliance. As the Flying Arts Alliance annual signature art prize event, the theme for the awards was State of Diversity—a celebration of Queensland's diversity of ecosystems, wildlife, places and people. I did not envy the judges, Jonathan McBurnie, Peter McKay and Robyn Daw, for having to choose from such a plethora of talent.

I place on record my congratulations to the winning artists, Rose Rigley and Pamela Kusabs, Emma Ward, Dre Adams, Barbara Stephenson, Lillian Whittaker and Madge Bowen, as well as the People's Choice Award winners, Catherine Boreham, and Caitlin Broderick, on their outstanding pieces and for their contributions to Queensland's rich and diverse arts community. I also had the opportunity to participate in the official proceedings for the evening. I extend my thanks to Professor John O'Toole AM, the chair of the Flying Arts Alliance board, and Kerryanne Farrer, the chief executive officer of the Flying Arts Alliance.

As the local state member for Moggill and the Liberal National Party shadow minister for the arts, I was delighted to attend the 2021 Art West Community Gallery Abstract Prize opening night, alongside President Bruce Peebles and patron Colin Williams. I was thrilled to be the major sponsor for the Abstract Prize this year. I would again like to congratulate the successful recipient of the first prize, Perrin Millard, for the piece *Unison*, as judged by western suburbs based abstract expressionist artist Kate Barry. I extend my congratulations to all artists who submitted works as part of the Art West Community Gallery Abstract Prize competition.

As the Liberal National Party shadow minister for the arts I look forward to seeing more of Queensland's artistic talent into the future, especially given that I also recently attended and sponsored the Brookfield Art Show themed prize. Congratulations go to the winner, Mr David Ladley, for his work entitled *Time for a coffee*.

Finally, I take this opportunity to acknowledge the immense contribution of Rosie White to private hospitals and health care in Queensland. In 1989 Rosie first joined the Wesley Hospital as clinical nurse manager of the Intensive Care Unit and for over 31 years Rosie has served UnitingCare hospitals with utmost distinction. I worked with Rosie in my many professional capacities as a former deputy chief medical officer of UnitingCare Health, executive director of medical services at St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital and as deputy director of medical services at the Wesley Hospital. I can attest to Rosie's passionate and dedicated clinical leadership as an executive director of nursing, as a director of clinical services, as an assistant director of nursing and also as a clinical nurse manager. Rosie has done an amazing amount of work for patients here in Queensland. I take this opportunity to wish Rosie, her husband, John, and her children, Harry and Will, all the best for the future given her impending retirement from St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital.