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MR A. GALLAGHER; DR W. GALE

Ms BOYLE (Cairns—ALP) (7.13 p.m.): I rise to mark with respect the recent passing of two men who were leaders in the Cairns business community. They made their contributions over the past 25 years, during which period Cairns has grown from an isolated pioneering northern town into a vibrant internationally known tropical city. I speak of the fine contributions made by Mr Tony Gallagher and Dr Bill Gale.

Dr Gale came to Cairns in the 1960s and set up in practice as Cairns' first radiologist. He was committed to quality in his medical specialty. He was also able to grasp the latest innovations and best practice standards of his profession. Thanks to his foresight and efforts, Cairns is left with high quality and well developed radiological services in the private sector that are the envy of any regional city. Dr Gale was an urbane and well-liked man and he will be missed.

Mr Tony Gallagher, a large man in size as well as stature, has also left us. Arriving in Cairns in the mid seventies, he became well known through his establishment of the Abbott Manor—an elegant function centre and restaurant in one of Cairns' beautiful old Queensland homes. Mr Gallagher went on to other initiatives in tourism and hospitality. He was a fine sportsman who loved sailing and, in later years, he was a yacht broker. In addition, he was a member of the Resources Advisory Committee reporting to the Great Barrier Marine Park Authority. I am pleased to have known Tony—a man of style.

I have no doubt that many people in Cairns join with me in marking the passing of these two fine men, in recording for posterity their contributions to the community of Cairns and in sending our condolences to their wives—Mrs Jill Gallagher and Mrs Ann Gale— and to their families.
