



Speech by

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**MS J. MAYBERRY**

**Mr FENLON** (Greenslopes—ALP) (10.27 a.m.): I rise to recognise the passing of Jan Mayberry—a great Queenslander, a great performing artist, a great worker in our community and someone I am proud to call a dear friend. She passed away on Tuesday, 22 August and her funeral is due tomorrow. She was in her late 40s and she died of cancer.

Her life work was really in music and singing. She had extraordinary warmth, kindness and compassion. Her fans at the Coorparoo RSL who followed her band, High Street, will also be very sad to hear of her passing. They were also involved in the work she did in our local community. My wife and I often attended those concerts at the Coorparoo RSL to enjoy the good music, dancing and good company.

Jan Mayberry received a liver transplant two and a half years ago, on Christmas Day. I recall the thrill that went around our family's Christmas lunch table when we heard the news. After that transplant surgery she organised three Music for Life concerts. That is an incredible contribution to our community, because proceeds of those concerts go to the Princess Alexandra Hospital Foundation to aid liver transplant research. I trust that Jan's passing will continue to inspire those involved in Music for Life and that her energy will continue to ensure that this very worthwhile organisation contributes further to that fund.

I know that the thoughts of me, my family and the many people whose lives she touched are now with her two sons, Jessie and Luke, who are aspiring musicians, her partner, Michael, and the rest of her family. I have an enduring memory of Jan belting out, in her great strong voice, the song New York, New York. I am sure that is how she would like to be remembered. She had a great vivacity and love of life. As chair of the committee which oversaw the report to this Parliament on organ transplantation, I am very proud to have been associated with this great Queenslander.

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