




Speech by  
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**MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL**

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## **BRISBANE PRIDE; BRISBANE CARNIVALE; WINDSOR BOWLS CLUB**

 **Ms GRACE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (8.56 pm): Last Saturday it was a pleasure to represent the Premier and open Brisbane Pride and to also attend the Brisbane Carnivale festival, which was held at Perry Park, Breakfast Creek. I want to acknowledge the vital role that Carnivale plays in recognising and celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Queenslanders. I warmly welcome the \$2,000 one-off funding to support the LGBT community publicise its work in overcoming the issues that can lead to youth suicide.

As we know, Queenslanders make up a large percentage of the LGBT community—around five to 10 per cent. I want to acknowledge that members of this community still experience significant hurdles and barriers to fulfilment in the course of their daily lives. The \$2,000 to Carnivale went a long way to highlighting the issue of youth suicide in this community and I warmly welcome and support that money going to this diverse community.

I think it is important that we reduce the barriers, and Brisbane Pride helps to celebrate the diversity of our LGBT communities. It is important that we provide fair, cohesive and equitable services for LGBT Queenslanders. I am very happy to say that these services were very much on display at Carnivale at Perry Park. Carnivale is a fantastic way for that community to come together. They come together in a wonderful part of our city. They throw a great party and it was well attended by a lot of members and others in that community. I congratulate the president, Deeje Hancock, and others who did a great job in not only coordinating Brisbane Pride but also partaking in Brisbane Carnivale.

I also want to wish the Windsor Bowls Club a very happy 90th birthday, which the members of that club celebrated on Sunday, 28 May 2011. This great community club has done a lot of work in the local community over its 90-year history. It is a sturdy club that has survived many years. Since its inception it has seen a lot of members come and go, but it still has a great community spirit.

I was joined by chair Trevor O'Neill, secretary Wendy Horgan, treasurer Alan Brown, men's section president Murray Robinson, ladies section president Margaret Corke and the longest serving member, Lottie Redfern, who helped cut the cake along with Norman Jolly, the son of the late William Jolly, the former Lord Mayor of Brisbane.

Windsor Bowls Club is a great community hub. It was hit significantly by the floods and we are working with the members of the club to make sure that we get the funds in their hands to bring that club back to the state that it was in before the floods. A great day was had by all. We cut a great cake. There were bucketloads of community spirit. But the best part of the day was when I bowled that lawn bowl and it went six inches from the jack. I beat the other two parliamentarians who were there and it was a great day.