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ADJOURNMENT

Nanango Electorate, Celebrating Lynda

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (1.38 am): Tonight I want to speak about a very special and important event happening in Kingaroy this weekend. This weekend on Saturday, 19 September at around 4 pm the people of Kingaroy and across the South Burnett will be Celebrating Lynda—coming together to celebrate the amazing life of Lynda Geiger and her inspiring story in fighting terminal melanoma cancer. Lynda Geiger and her husband, Darren, have three boys, Chris, Adam and Joe. They have always been heavily involved in our community and Darren has been a local primary school teacher for many years. Sadly, at just 46 years old Lynda was diagnosed with melanoma cancer about 12 months ago. It has been a rough ride for her family ever since, with many ups and downs.

People who live in Queensland have some of the highest rates of melanoma in the world. Over 10,000 cases are diagnosed each year, with 25 per cent of those being in Queensland. Melanomas appear as a mole or a freckle and change colour, size or shape and are the most dangerous type of skin cancer. They spread rapidly throughout the body, often resulting in a poor survival rate. Lynda Geiger, in her usual selfless manner, has never given up. She wanted to do more to prevent others from ending up in her situation so she established a fundraising campaign called the Lynda Geiger Young Mums fund to raise money for the Melanoma Awareness Foundation. Lynda has had some pretty tough news very recently, so our community has brought forward this Lynda Geiger event to bring the community together to share the memories and laughs. Lynda will be there and we will be celebrating her philosophy: it is not the years in your life but the life in your years.