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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Queensland Women's Week**

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (2.23 am): 'It's time for your voice to be heard, for risks to be taken and for your dreams to be fulfilled. It's time to acknowledge, recognise and embrace everything available. It's time to appreciate the fact that you are who you are and all you can be. It's time to dare to be wise and make a difference, whether that be big or small. Every action has a consequence whether it be good or bad. It's our time, not only to lead by example but also to learn, be challenged, to follow and to be followed.'

These are the words of 17-year-old Abbi Anderson, College Captain from Brisbane Bayside State College—an impressive young woman, leader and performer. What a wonderful way to kick off a very busy Queensland Women's Week. I was honoured to meet Abbi, the other college leaders—Noah, Tiffany and Alex—and all the leadership team at Brisbane Bayside State College's investiture ceremony.

I was delighted that Tiffany attended the Women's Week event that I co-hosted with the Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre. This event was a celebration of impressive women who have contributed significantly to the bayside. Aunty Merle opened the event with a welcome to country, and the Hon. Mark Furner, the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Aunty Becky and Catriona Kucks were our guest speakers. Aunty Merle and Aunty Becky are both Quandamooka women and founding members of Winnam, our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cooperative. Catriona is a project manager at BABI and runs, together with Grandi, the very successful Get Set for Work program.

This impressive group of women shared their stories with the over 100 baysiders. It was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate these women who work tirelessly creating opportunities for some of the most vulnerable in our community. I was so proud to be asked to present Mrs Bev Weeks with life membership to acknowledge her more than 30 years of service. Everyone agreed that this was a suitable acknowledgment for Bev's work. I thank all of the volunteers at the club for their hard work.

The Eastside Community Church hosted a Be Bold for Change event, with stalls and information sessions from small businesses, in a truly collaborative and supportive environment, providing childminding and entertainment—a typical example of women working together. Sixty and Better hosted a wonderful event. It was a great opportunity to showcase the artwork of the Wynnum Manly Arts Council and the Salt Water Murri Gallery. Women from across the electorate enjoyed the local artwork and wonderful storytelling and music. I thank Coleen for organising the event.

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron celebrated bold bayside women. Thanks to Suzy and her fellow volunteers for that. The Women of Wynnum exhibition is a written word and photographic exhibition showcasing Wynnum women who have contributed to our community. Importantly, I would like to acknowledge strong and bold women in the bayside. May we know them, may we raise them and may we be them.