




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services) (7.06 pm): I rise to pay tribute to a wonderful lady from the Morayfield community who passed away last week—Jenny Fourez, who was the activities coordinator for Bunnings at Morayfield, a magnificent lady who died unexpectedly in a car accident last week on Wednesday, 18 October. Jenny was not just a valuable employee for Bunnings; she was an outstanding community representative. She gave selfless service to the people of the Morayfield region and she was involved in every community activity. I know many members on this side from the Caboolture region know Jenny very well and will also miss her immensely.

Jenny was involved above and beyond just her job at Bunnings Morayfield. She was really involved in the community and she did things like helping not-for-profits with landscaping as well as gardening. She would help community organisations with family fun days, expos and other celebration events. She would coordinate generous donations to many, many community organisations right across the region and, in turn, use those donations to enhance the work that those organisations did. Of course she would help facilitate those very successful and enjoyable Bunnings barbecues that many community organisations do on a weekly basis and raise very important funds.

Jenny has been doing that work for many, many years. In recognition of the work that she has done, whilst not being a member of the Lions Club, she was actually recognised with a very prestigious Lions Club award, and that was the James D Richardson Award. That was awarded by the Morayfield Lions Club to her only a few years ago. I know from my interactions with Jenny that she was also recognised by many other community organisations like the Rotary Club of Caboolture, among other groups, with similar awards. That shows the nature of Jenny and her contribution to our community.

Jenny was everywhere. She was loved by everyone in our community. She was a selfless, genuine community minded person. Every so often you come across people who make such an impression on your life that you actually remember the exchanges you have with them. You remember the first time you met them and, of course, you will always remember the time when those people pass. I was at the Morayfield State High School awards night last week when the word went around that Jenny had passed away. You could hear a pin drop and many, many hearts were sunk that night.

I will miss Jenny. She was not just a great community person; she was also a very good friend. She was a lovely person, and the Caboolture region is now at a loss because of Jenny's passing.