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## ADJOURNMENT

### Kallangur Memorial Bowls Club

 **Mr KING** (Kallangur—ALP) (9.44 pm): Our work in political life has many challenges. We often concentrate on the negatives and pay little attention to the positives. Tonight I want to advise the House of a seriously positive outcome for my community. It is a story of determination, friendship, fighting spirit and community connectedness. It is the story of saving the Kallangur bowls club.

Honourable members may have heard me speak one or two times about the university coming to my electorate. The Moreton Bay Regional Council has been working hard to get the best outcomes for ratepayers by looking at what excess land and infrastructure it has that can be sold to fund future works. I understand these decisions and I respect the council's right to manage its own business. Part of the process was the identification of the Kallangur bowls club on Anzac Avenue as a site for sale.

I have to be honest: the Kallangur bowls club is a favourite spot for me and my community. It has good food and great friends. Many of my neighbours play there. Importantly, the Kallangur bowls club is one of the few grass greens that is available for our top-notch players in our district to play on and practise for top-level events.

**Mr Harper:** They can't sell it.

**Mr KING:** They did not. Under the stewardship of the management team, the club has worked hard to turn around its finances and get people back playing and enjoying the facilities. Under threat of sale and potential closure, the Kallangur community and its campaign to save the club was incredible. Petitions took off all over the area. People such as Bruce Jones, Ros Clark and Bill Evans and the entire membership of the bowls club, as well as the players and supporters, delivered the strongest of messages, 'Don't sell our bowls club.' The members of the Pine Rivers Memorial Bowls Club were amazing and other members of local bowls clubs leapt into the fray and collected hundreds of signatures for their fellow club. There were meetings of dozens of supporters, which I attended to support the community. The Hon. Steven Miles stood with me and this community at each step of the way. There is no forgetting the fantastic media stories from the *Pine Rivers Press* and the support it generated.

**A government member** interjected.

**Mr KING:** I never needed much convincing that the Kallangur bowls club was not like *Crackerjack* but an important community space and club that we cannot afford to lose. As I said, the council has to manage its own business. I am pleased that Mayor Sutherland and the council were able to step in and deliver the good news that the sale had been withdrawn. My discussions with the mayor only reinforced his emerging view that that was the right thing to do.

The lesson in all of this is that Kallangur has a community voice that is strong and that, together, people can make a difference. Over recent years my community has felt the loss of banks and services moving across the highway to North Lakes, but if there were ever any doubt that the people there will stick together as a community, the recent campaign to save the Kallangur bowls club showed that

Kallangur pride is strong. I congratulate everyone who was involved in this campaign and the mayor for his leadership. It is a win all round for my community. I urge the members of my community to continue to support this amazing club and its people in any way they can.