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ADJOURNMENT

Deception Bay, Community Champions

 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (7.09 pm): I rise to pay tribute to three community champions in Deception Bay who have passed away. Tom McLoughlin was the mayor of Caboolture shire from 1997 to 2000 and a councillor from 1970 to 1997. Tom grew up in Morayfield. His parents were sharefarmers on Oakey Flat Road. He joined the railways. He also farmed chickens and pineapples around Morayfield. He was a life member of the Caboolture Show Society and the Caboolture Historical Society. His greatest achievement, he felt, was laying bitumen on all those roads in the old Caboolture shire south of the river. When he started, virtually none were paved; when he left, virtually all of them were paved. It was a truly remarkable achievement. Tom was a Labor man and he stood up for what he believed in. He was a very loyal person. He was married to Ev for 38 years and to Pat for 28 years. I also pay tribute to Pat, who is another community champion.

Arthur Hayes was another community champion. His funeral was one of the largest we had seen in Deception Bay. Arthur was awarded an OAM for his services to Deception Bay. He was the backbone and heart of the Deception Bay Lions and the regional leader for Youth Insearch. Youth Insearch was his proudest achievement—guiding dozens of kids back onto the right track, taking them out to Camp Duckadang and giving them unconditional love and support. Arthur was inexhaustible. He literally wore his body down helping out the community. He was a nasho, a member of the Army and also a firey. He married his beloved Lin when they were teenagers. They were married for nearly 60 years. He was also a true community champion—someone we will all miss—and a true friend of mine.

Ian Burgett was another true community champion in Deception Bay. He guided the Deception Bay Sports Club. He was instrumental in the community council and active in community renewal in Deception Bay. He was a councillor on Sunshine Coast TAFE. He was a great friend of former member Ken Hayward and a mentor to the member for Morayfield and me. Ian came from Lismore. He met Michele when they were teenagers. He worked in the department of civil aviation, then spent many years working for the Miscellaneous Workers Union. Another true Labor man, he ran for Fisher in 1993 and Longman in 1996. He prompted me to run for council. When I said that so much needed to be done in the area, he said, 'Why don't you run for council?'

Mr Butcher: A good bloke.

Mr WHITING: He was a good bloke indeed. He leaves behind Michelle, Janey, Ruth and his grandchildren. These are three men who I am proud to stand up and call my friends. They are true community champions in Deception Bay.