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## ADJOURNMENT

### Mount Ommaney Electorate

 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (7.21 pm): Sunday was Mother's Day and I take this opportunity to pay tribute to the many wonderful mums and carers who are raising the next generation of Queenslanders. I give a very special shout out to the mother of the five millionth Queensland who was born today, wherever she is. That is a very special late Mother's Day present for her.

Across the state, many mums were gifted with beautiful flowers. Indeed, I was gifted with a beautiful posy of flowers from my wonderful independent local florist, Middle Park Florist. It made my morning to be presented with those gorgeous flowers, created by a local small business artisan. It was the perfect complement to my children's lovely and heartfelt hand-drawn cards. When I attended the Mother's Day evening mass at the Twelve Apostles Catholic Church in Jindalee, Father Carroll spoke of how a mother's love is like a bunch of flowers, warm and fresh. He noted that the unwavering love of a mother gives us all a warm beating heart in the family home and, indeed, that is my memory of my mother's role in my childhood.

While we know that flowers are beloved by mums the world over, it is wonderful to see that the John Oxley Orchid Society in my electorate of Mount Ommaney is equally popular with men and women. For those who are not aware, the John Oxley Orchid Society is a wonderful group of like-minded people who, according to their regularly updated website, love orchids, love to grow orchids and love to learn from each other. Meeting every month from February to November, on the second Wednesday of the month, they hold a mini show where members can show off their beautiful collections and gain points over the year, as well as listen to guest speakers from either inside or outside the society. It was an honour to be bestowed with my first patronage at the April meeting of the society. I was presented with a beautiful phalaenopsis orchid. I am pleased to inform the House that six weeks later it is still alive. In large part that is due to the generous advice provided by the members as to how to best care for my beautiful plant.

It is no surprise to me that they have such a strong membership base if all new members are treated with the same warm welcome that I received. As a local member, your greatest wish for your community groups is that they have a thriving volunteer base with strong support from their membership. It was absolutely delightful to see that their membership fills the hall at the Oxley Bowls Club each month and continues to draw in new members. Most recently, Mrs Thirkill signed up. I imagine that a large part of their ability to attract interested members would be down to their beautifully designed and continually updated website, which I mentioned earlier. I encourage all western suburbs gardeners looking to meet like-minded plant lovers to sign up. Theirs is a wonderful group with a blooming membership base and everyone is welcome.