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 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (7.09 pm): As of 1 July this year plastic bags are history and I want to highlight the work of some of the awesome community groups that have made sure that the Mount Ommaney community was ready for the change. Boomerang Bags is a wonderful organisation and the Centenary chapter began meeting well over a year ago to make our community a greener, cleaner place to live. When I dropped into a working bee last year it had over 10 volunteers beavering away on a Wednesday night to make these gorgeous bespoke creations. No, Mr Speaker, I will not be tabling my awesome bag. It is not a prop; it is a fashion statement! This year members of the Oxley Boomerang Bags have been meeting most Friday nights to create some truly stylish bags at the Oxley Bowls Club. They also have more than 10 volunteers there, and it is not just because of the great vinos on offer at the Oxley Bowls; it is because our community cares about creating a cleaner, greener future.

My electorate is also lucky to be serviced by CDEA, the Centenary and District Environment Action—a truly amazing environmental group that works in the local area to preserve our green spaces by working with local MPs and caring for those spaces with Bushcare groups once they have been preserved. My favourite place in the whole electorate, Lorikeet Park, is testament to the hard work of the CDEA group who lobbied hard to keep this space preserved as parkland to house our wildlife. When I take my children there of an afternoon you can hear the buzz of the beautiful birdlife that call this park home.

Most recently CDEA has played a key role in retaining 80 per cent of the Oxley secondary school site for community use and green space. Our community owes it and the community panel a debt of gratitude for their tireless advocacy and their boots-on-the-ground approach to retaining green space. Indeed, it is also supported by the Bushwaccas, which, ably led by Kat, cares for local parkland such as the Spine Street Reserve. Most recently Kat and her team were overrun with more than 30 new volunteers all eager to green the Centenary suburbs as part of the Peak to Points Festival. I was pleased to attend the Peak to Points launch festival at the beautiful Oxley Creek Common in Rocklea. I entreated visitors that day that if it was the first time they had visited not to make it the last. Thanks to OCCA—the Oxley Common Catchment Association—there is a plethora of year-round activity happening.

Finally, I was thrilled to learn that Carolyn Vincent has been nominated as a finalist in the Brisbane Cleaner Suburbs Awards. Carolyn started a new movement, #missionlitterpickup, encouraging all Queenslanders to use social media for good and keep our suburbs clean. Last year the Jamboree Residents Association was the winner of the Location Clean Up Award and my Rotary club of Sumner Park was a finalist. My community is a much richer place for the tireless work of these groups and I want to thank them for their tireless advocacy.

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