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ADJOURNMENT

Mackenroth, Hon. TM; Hansen, Dr J; Foster and Kinship Carers

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (11.01 pm): Sadly, this week Terry Mackenroth passed away and I offer my condolences to Mary and his family and acknowledge his commitment to his family, community and the great Australian Labor Party. He will be sadly missed and has left a proud and significant legacy.

This morning baysiders paid their respects to Dr Jack Hansen who recently passed away after a long illness. Jack, together with Dr Frank Fry and Drs Peter and Paul Smith established Manly Clinic in 1959. These doctors met as young men at the University of Queensland while studying and continued their friendship and medical practice over the years delivering quality health care to the bayside.

Jack was also the club doctor of our mighty Wynnum Manly Seagulls and he represented Queensland in lawn bowls. He also established the Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre. Jack and his colleagues were on call 24 hours a day and they were certainly the old-style doctor, loved by all of our community. My thanks to Dr Jack Hansen for his dedication to his patients and the community and my condolences to his family. He will be sadly missed.

Last week the Queensland government said thank you to 35,000 foster and kinship carers who provide a safe, loving and stable home to more than 8,000 vulnerable children and young people in Queensland. I was lucky to catch up with Lenore Vella. Lenore and her husband Robert, together with their two now adult children, have over the years fostered 133 children. This amazing family has provided a safe, caring and loving home for kids of all ages and Lenore told me that they have enjoyed every moment of it.

I can think of no finer family to be recognised and nor can our local baysiders. I have heard from so many of Lenore and Robert's foster children and other locals who agree that Bob and Nor's kindness is known far and wide. Lenore, Bob and their family are still in touch with their foster children today. Lenore made sure that the children in her care had the opportunity to join Scouts and other sporting activities and drove them to their activities and ensured that they were able to continue with their interests after they left her care, continuing her legacy by paying the next year's fees to make sure that the children, when they moved to other homes, continued on with something that was familiar to them, which was very important to Lenore and Bob.

Lenore is always ready to lend a hand, whether it be knitting beanies for preemie babies or homeless people, collecting sanitary products for homeless women, fundraising for mental health housing or cooking food and baking cakes during weather events to help out the volunteers. She is truly an amazing woman and we are so fortunate for Bob and Lenore and I thank them for everything that they do for our community.