




Speech By
Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe

MEMBER FOR SANDGATE

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ADJOURNMENT

Sandgate's Super Sausage Sizzle; Trieve, Aunty R

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (7.28 pm): It is no secret that in the west Queenslanders are doing it tough in the face of prolonged drought. In response, last Saturday my community of 4017 came together to support 4470 residents in the Charleville region. What began as an acorn of an idea by Sandgate resident Ken Francey turned into an oak tree of community spirit. Sandgate's Super Sausage Sizzle was born, held in the Einbunpin Lagoon Park, in the heart of Sandgate village. Five local independent butchers created special gourmet sausages for the event. Each butcher auctioned a kilogram of sausages and that act alone raised more than \$2,700. Together with the funds from the hundreds of sausages sizzled, more than \$16,000 was raised in one afternoon.

That would not have happened without the tremendous support and leadership of the Sandgate and Districts Chamber of Commerce, led by President Bill Gollan, my friend and colleague Councillor Jared Cassidy of the Brisbane City Council and the many sponsors and donors who gave so very generously alongside wonderful volunteers who supported the event. I also acknowledge the member for Warrego who expressed her heartfelt thanks on behalf of Charleville, which was communicated to the crowd along with a message from Mayor Annie Liston from the Murweh Shire Council.

For a moment I will turn to another community and offer my condolences to the family of Aunty Rowena Evelyn Trieve OAM. Aunty Rowena was a well-respected and much loved member of the Australian South Sea islander community in the Mackay region. I had the pleasure of meeting Aunty Rowena, who served her community with great passion, generosity and dignity. Although we mourn her passing, it is an occasion to celebrate her life.

With years of commitment to achieving equality and recognition for Australian South Sea islanders, Aunty Rowena made a profound and enduring impact. She was the second Australian South Sea islander to receive the Order of Australia Medal for services to the community in 2003 and she received a Queensland Multicultural Award in 2013. I offer my sincerest condolences to her immediate and extended family, her friends, the Mackay community—I know the member for Mackay will join me in that regard—and the Australian South Sea islander community—and I know the member for Mirani will join me in that regard. Aunty Rowena was a great servant of her people and her community. She will be sorely missed.