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Manthey, Mr F; Anderson, Mrs J; Cleary, Mr P

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (6.07 pm): I rise this evening to speak about three irreplaceable constituents of mine in Toowoomba South. They all deserve far more time than I am going to give them, but I want to acknowledge their contribution and their value.

Firstly, I want to talk about Frank 'The Bilby Man' Manthey, who may in fact be known to some members of the House. Frank was a hard-bitten Cunnamulla fella. He got behind the Save the Bilby Fund and he was very well known for preserving our beautiful landscapes and our beautiful wildlife. His legacy will be the Save the Bilby Fund, which was well supported by many in this House. He retired to Toowoomba to be closer to friends and family. I had the great privilege of having him in my office a number of times sharing his political advice. He will be sorely missed. The Save the Bilby Fund will be his lifetime legacy. It is a tribute to him that he cared so much about our landscapes and about our native wildlife.

The second person upon whom I want to reflect this evening is Joan Anderson. Joan Anderson is truly one of the quiet Australians. She served in World War II. She worked hard on the land and when her husband passed away she moved to Toowoomba. In Toowoomba she hosted National Party meetings for 40 years at her house in Harristown. So many members for Toowoomba South passed through her house, shared meetings, shared conversation and received the wisdom of her strong opinions—always deeply held and beautifully communicated. My predecessor, John McVeigh, called her Auntie Joan. He had a very close relationship with her, as did everybody in the Toowoomba South branch. She will be sorely missed.

Finally, I wanted to reflect on the life of Peter Cleary, who was a dear friend to so many at Heritage Bank. I had the great privilege of working with Peter for nearly 10 years. He was set apart by his quiet dignity and decency. He was also known for his patience, as he repeatedly explained to me the workings of interest rate swaps and securitisation trusts. I will never forget his calmness under pressure during the global financial crisis. His loss at the age of 60 was deeply and keenly felt by all of us who worked closely with him. He was faithful, he was inquisitive about others and he was deeply loved by his wonderful wife, Marie, who spoke so beautifully at his funeral service, as well as by his family and all those who knew him well. He was deeply loved by many. He will be sorely missed by everyone with whom he worked and those who knew him right throughout the Toowoomba community.