



Speech By  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Clymo, Mr A**

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (6.05 pm): A couple of weeks ago we had Mental Health Week. As part of Mental Health Week, I was involved with a walk called Walk for Awareness where a couple of thousand people gathered at the Story Bridge to walk a number of kilometres to make sure that we could bring more awareness to mental health issues in our state. That was organised by friends of mine, Wes and Tudor Vasile, who own a business in my local area—Trusted Pest Management—and they have done a great job in raising awareness.

That walk has taken on increased significance in the past week in my community. A couple of years ago a young man opened a coffee shop right next door to my electorate office, a coffee shop called Toasted Cafe. I was privileged to officially open that coffee shop after he asked me to. This was a young man who told me that, despite being a qualified primary school teacher, his boyhood dream was to run a coffee shop, and that is what happened with the opening of Toasted Cafe. It had a distinctiveness about it. It had toasters on every table. He was living his dream.

He quickly became part of our business community, being actively involved in the business group, donating to local schools and actively involved in our parkrun. His name is Ashley Clymo. Last weekend we received the tragic news that Ash has taken his own life, and my community is devastated. He was so positive. He was full of life. He was generous. He was a beautiful man. Now we know that he had acute anxiety and that he battled with that.

My thoughts and the thoughts of my community are with his mum, his brothers and his long-term partner, Sashi. We miss him dearly. We will not forget him. We have been made more aware now of the hidden pain that so many people with mental health issues live with every day. For someone like Ash to take his own life is absolutely shocking—a young man with all of his life ahead of him. My community is devastated and we will not forget him.

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Ms McMillan): Honourable member, we share your pain and wish your community well.