




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Pearce, Ms F; Member for Redcliffe, House Fire; Intrust Cup

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (6.29 pm): I would like to acknowledge the passing of a long-term Redcliffe resident, Frances Pearce. Frances was born in London on Wednesday, 4 October 1916 and, sadly, passed away on Thursday, 3 October 2019. That is right: incredibly she was 102 years, 11 months and 29 days of age—just one day short of her 103rd birthday.

A little over three years ago Frances enjoyed a very special birthday present when she was among the very first passengers on the Redcliffe rail line on 3 October 2016. Along with her son, John, who is an amazing SES volunteer in my community, Frances joined the Premier, the Prime Minister and myself in boarding that first train at Kippa-Ring station for the inaugural journey to Petrie station. Frances had been waiting a lifetime for the opportunity to board that train from Redcliffe, and it was an honour that she could join us. I pass on my best wishes and my condolences to John and the family. Frances was known as a very kind and generous woman and she will be sadly missed. She lived a very long life and was well loved by her family.

On a personal note, can I thank my neighbours, the Kippa-Ring and Sandgate fire brigade, the ambulance officers and the police who on Wednesday a week ago attended my house. I received a phone call in my electorate office from a neighbour saying that my house was on fire. It is not a phone call you want to get. I raced home and saw three fire brigade appliances, ambulance and police in my street.

My neighbours acted so swiftly when they heard the alarm going off in my house and used hoses and called triple 0. Although my garage was gutted my house was saved, and it is all because of their tremendous work, particularly company D at Kippa-Ring and Sandgate. I say thank you so much to those fireys for their incredible work and for bashing down my front door to save the dogs as well. They were all fine. Once again, at a local level I realise the amazing work our first responders do. It has been a difficult time in terms of the clean-up at home, but we still have a house, we are all safe, our pets are safe, and that is what counts. I thank all of those people.

On a very happy note, can I say the Intrust Cup 2019 was held at Redcliffe. The finalists were the Burleigh Bears and Wynnum Manly Seagulls. I say well done to both teams and well done to the Bears for winning. Can I say the winner was the Dolphin Stadium for hosting the grand final. It was sold out and we are hosting it again next year. It was a fantastic event. I say thanks to the QRL for such a great event. I recommend honourable members buy their tickets early next year and I really hope the Redcliffe Dolphins are in that grand final.