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 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (6.24 pm): I rise this evening to reflect on the life of a remarkable woman, Shirley Rae Tinney, who sadly passed away on 18 June, and to convey my sympathies and the sympathies of Fiona Gaske, our LNP candidate for Pumicestone, to Shirley's family.

Shirley was Caboolture born and bred. Born at the local hospital on 13 September 1935, her daughter, Kathryn, shared that Shirley completed her schooling at Caboolture State School at the age of 14 and, despite scoring a scholarship to continue, began working at the Caboolture Clothing Factory before five years as a telephonist with Postmaster-General.

Shirley and Ken Tinney met at square-dancing in February 1954 and married on 12 November 1955. They were together for 61 years before Ken's passing. They welcomed their three children—Ian, David, and Kathryn. As the kids became older, Shirley's sense of service to the community went to another level. Shirley was before her time, becoming the manager of the boys football team and supporting her kids' involvement in cricket, Scouts, school tuckshop and finally netball. Shirley helped guide the establishment of Caboolture Netball Association in 1979, was the inaugural president and served on the executive in various roles including with Queensland Netball until retiring at the end of the 2002 season. In 2003, Shirley received an OAM for her dedication in serving the community. The Caboolture Netball Complex was named after Shirley in 2011 and it was at the complex that I first met her.

Shirley also loved her job at the Caboolture Hospital auxiliary canteen. She started when the hospital opened in 1993, and her last shift was in January this year. Nicky, manager of the Caboolture Hospital coffee shop, shared the following—

I met Shirl on my very first day of work at the coffee shop. The first job Shirl gave me was to grate eggs for the sandwiches. I remember thinking, 'Who the hell grates eggs?' but I didn't question Shirl; no-one ever did. By the end of the day we had become firm friends and had formed a friendship that would last forever. Shirl was a very special lady that deserved her own special things. She had her own knife and her own chair, both bought specially for her. We were allowed to use Shirl's chair, but no-one was ever allowed to touch her knife, so much so I had to lock it in the safe so no-one would touch it. It is still locked in the safe.

Shirley will be remembered for the fact that she did not seek recognition for her contributions to the community and was always quick to praise and acknowledge others who had been on the journey with her. In the words of celebrant Anna Staines: farewell Shirley Tinney, definitely our region's most forward, funny, strong, straight-shooting, independent, realistic, capable, experienced, down-to-earth, reminiscent, resilient, confident and caring woman.