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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month**

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (7.03 pm): During this month Queensland marks Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month to increase community awareness of domestic and family violence and to promote partnerships and collaborations across the community to prevent and respond to domestic and family violence.

Domestic and family violence knows no barriers. It affects every part of our community and does not discriminate against age, gender, cultural identity, income level, education level, faith or social or relationship status. It is very disturbing that the Queensland Police Service attends to approximately 295 domestic and family violence occurrences per day across this state, resulting in 107,000 incidents per year. That is one every five minutes. This high frequency of reports means that we need to work harder as a community to create awareness of the various forms of domestic and family violence that affect so many lives.

I was honoured to cohost last weekend's Mansfield electorate community event to raise awareness, recognise those lives lost because of domestic and family violence, and raise funds for the Red Rose Foundation. Held at Broadwater Park in Mansfield, locals gathered for a moving service that was led by First Nations women Aunty Norma Boyd and Aunty Cynthia Griffiths. Speakers included: master of ceremonies Craig Zonca from the ABC; Jim Boden, domestic and family violence project officer, Local Government Association of Queensland; the Reverend Peter Judge-Mears; Chaplain Michelle Philp; Carindale Rotarian Annie Stonehouse; and Red Rose Foundation founder and managing director Betty Taylor. An array of musicians provided music throughout the service and included singer/guitarist Jade Stoddart, Mavis and Bruce Williams and the St John's Wishart Musicians.

I would like to sincerely thank Mount Gravatt Rotary Club president Jim Cosgrove for his work and Heather Irvine and Gerry Fitzgerald for their tireless commitment to make the event a huge success. Thank you to event partners and sponsors Mount Gravatt Rotary Club, Carindale Rotary Club, St John's Wishart, the Lovewell Project and Piptree Early Learning at Mount Gravatt East.

The Palaszczuk government continues to invest in many community programs and awareness campaigns to tackle domestic and family violence. The Red Rose Foundation, based in the Mansfield electorate, was the successful recipient of \$149,000 for their online training and support program. I commend Betty and her board for their passion and commitment to end domestic and family violence related deaths. As the member for Mansfield, I will continue to work with my community to provide the necessary support for all who are dealing with the growing scourge of domestic and family violence.