




Speech By
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Lytton Electorate; Handley, Miss OE, OAM

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (7.22 pm): The bayside is flourishing, and with good reason. It is a fabulous place to live, work, raise a family and enjoy. May is the month that we unite against domestic and family violence, and together we baysiders have made it clear that enough is enough.

Over 200 people joined me at our moving and respectful DVF vigil at Pandanas Beach. We heard from Zoe Sullivan and Jo Jackson, both DVF survivors. It was so heartwarming to see so many from different walks of life, young and old, to stand united to rid our community of this terrible scourge.

May is also the month that we celebrate our vibrant small businesses. I know that small business is the backbone of our economy, often our first job, always the first to support local events and each day investing in our economy. I am thrilled to support local businesses and delighted with the efforts of Wynnum Up Late—and a huge welcome to all our new businesses. From chocolates to bras to baby clothing to flowers and restaurants, we are well covered.

I am delighted to be hosting a small business event next week which will see the launch of Wynnum Commerce Inc. and also the reintroduction of the much anticipated Bayside Business of the Month. Wynnum Commerce Inc. is ramping up support, growth and promotion of our local businesses. With laneway events, brewery and homeware trails, it is all happening in the bayside, and in no small way is the commitment of the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club leading the charge. The club has made a significant contribution to our economy and our community; it has contributed over \$7.5 million to our local schools and clubs. Locals have responded to these fabulous new facilities with over 8,000 new members joining up. The staff have been brilliant during the refurbishment, working around many challenges including working in a COVID-safe environment and always with a smile. I give a big shout-out to you all. I know that you will enjoy working in this upgraded workplace. Our hallowed Kougari Oval has also seen a refurbishment with new turf, which I was able to help lay, and a new, improved and smart-looking chook pen.

Sadly, we had the very sad passing of the indomitable Miss Handley OAM. Miss Handley was a much loved local pioneer and educator of young women in the bayside. She was innovative and a trailblazer, enriching young girls' worlds by introducing them to ideas and ideals and exposing them to cultural pursuits. Yes, she really was a woman of strong, indomitable spirit. Whilst she was sad to see the school move from Greene's schoolhouse in Bay Terrace, she was very proud to be part of the new, flourishing Moreton Bay College as it stands today. Vale Miss Handley. You are loved and will be missed by many. Thank you for your contribution to education and the love that you shared with the young women in your care.

It would also be remiss of me not to acknowledge the great work of our wonderful nurses and midwives in our community and thank them for their valuable contribution by taking care of Queenslanders and Australia during COVID.