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## ADJOURNMENT

### Manger, Ms PF; Redlands Electorate

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (7.08 pm): Our Redlands Labor family has lost a much loved member, a stalwart of the Labor Party and one of my biggest supporters. Patricia Florence Manger, affectionately known as Paula, was a champion of the Australian Labor Party from the 1960s through to her passing last Thursday. She was a member of the Labor Party for many years. Initially she lived in Sydney where she had the absolute pleasure of meeting Gough Whitlam, Jim Cairns and many others of the era of the late-sixties and seventies. Paula worked tirelessly for the Labor Party. She was a humanist. She belonged to the Women's Electoral Lobby. She rallied against the Vietnam War. She fought for social justice and for women to have the right of choice over their bodies. Paula was extraordinarily proud of the legislation that the Palaszczuk Labor government passed in the last term of government.

Paula moved to the Redlands in 1995. She was always the first to buy a raffle ticket and the first to buy a ticket to a fundraiser. I will fondly remember our last gathering last month, when we had a lunch with Terri Butler together. Besides supporting the Labor Party, Paula loved spending time with friends and was also involved with helping social groups at Lake Sherrin, one of our aged-care facilities in the Redlands.

Paula spent the last few weeks of her life in palliative care. In this National Palliative Care Week, I thank the staff who cared for Paula. I thank each and every palliative care worker across Queensland for the incredible work they do in caring for Queenslanders at their end of life. As this year's theme states, it is so much more than you think.

I also had the opportunity last week to visit Redland Hospital with the member for Capalaba. We attended the Quandamooka traditional smoking ceremony with songman Josh Walker and the Yulu Burri Ba Dancers in preparation for construction works about to get underway on our new \$50 million hospital car park. While we were there we also had the chance to meet with many of the executive of the hospital and some of our new interns, which was fantastic. We also had a really interesting conversation with some of the executive team in regards to one of our general medicine wards that has been converted into a dementia ward to care in part for some of our most vulnerable. That is because there are no beds available in aged-care facilities, where these people should be being cared for with their specific needs. This is an absolute failing on the part of the federal government and it is putting pressure on our hospitals.

It was also interesting to hear about Friday's workload that comes through the emergency department. Quite frequently our paramedics receive additional patient loads from aged-care facilities just before the weekend. Again, this shows an absolutely fundamental failing of the federal government when it comes to delivering high-quality aged care for our most vulnerable.

Our federal member this week raised the issue of hospital ramping of which I can say we saw none on our visit last week. I suggest to him that he should use his time, his energy and his efforts to secure more aged-care funding for the Redlands. More beds in aged care means more beds freed up at our hospital.

Finally, I thank all of our volunteers. Last week was National Volunteers Week. We have so many incredible volunteers right across Redlands. We could not do it without you. Thank you, Redlands volunteers.