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ADJOURNMENT

Moggill Electorate, Community Awards; Disaster Preparedness

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (8.41 pm): In celebration of local Queensland Seniors recently, it was an absolute pleasure to host the annual Moggill Electorate Seniors Morning Tea, held jointly with Councillor Greg Adermann, the Brisbane City councillor for the Pullenvale ward. It was a morning tea celebrated with performances and informative presentations which was attended by over 100 local seniors, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of the day. A special thank you to our terrific speakers and guests including the Moggill State School Middle C's Choir, the Kenmore State High School String Quartet, Susan Gilmartin, Andrew Greentree and Conrad Sanders from UpBeat Arts, as well as a range of important community information which was provided to local residents by others, including Senior Constable Chris Tetley, Sergeant Jose Sarmiento and Inspector Corey Allen of the Queensland Police Service, along with Evan Anderson, Stephanie Byrne and Ray Moxson from the Moggill Group SES, Bianca Evans and Lynette Sanders from Home Instead, Jordan Vollmer from the 4070 Bellbowrie Neighbourhood Watch Group, and finally Fiona Roberts from the Australian Red Cross.

I would also like to acknowledge two Moggill Electorate Award winners, Helen Clarke and Graham Barnard, who were both presented with their community awards at the annual 2022 Seniors Morning Tea. Helen Clarke works tirelessly with the Australian Red Cross, western suburbs branch, and Graham Barnard provides invaluable support to the Shed West Bellbowrie community Men's Shed. I would also like to congratulate the two recipients of the Pullenvale Ward Community Award, Liz Dominguez and Bronwyn Kowaltzke, who also received awards at the Seniors Morning Tea. Helen, Graham, Liz and Bronwyn are all significant community figures who contribute extensively to the electorate of Moggill. Congratulations to them all.

Last week, I also had the pleasure of attending the 70th birthday celebrations of the Queensland Country Women's Association Brookfield branch. It was fantastic to celebrate the Brookfield branch of the QCWA, which continuously makes meaningful contributions to our local community. The QCWA has a proud tradition of working tirelessly for communities across Queensland, including providing additional educational opportunities, fundraising and promoting strong community connections. Congratulations to all members, as well as president Kay Sommerville on a fantastic morning and reaching such a significant milestone.

On a separate topic, with the Bureau of Meteorology's official declaration of another La Nina season and the recent significant weather events, it was a pleasure to attend a very important disaster preparedness community forum at Moggill State School, held collaboratively with Councillor Adermann, councillor for the Pullenvale ward. Also there were representatives from the Moggill Group SES, the Queensland Police Service, QFES and other organisations. There will be another similar presentation on Sunday, 27 November which is being held at Mount Crosby State School. It is very important for local residents to get ready and prepare for the summer season ahead because they need to have all of those things in place. Get ready, be prepared and know your risk.