




Speech By
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 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (7.03 pm): I rise to honour and pay my respects to the late Mary Lowe AM whose life was celebrated at Broadwater Road Uniting Church on 11 November 2022. Mary was a tireless volunteer with Meals on Wheels, which included her formidable roles as Queensland and national president. I express my sincere condolences to the Lowe family.

The Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics and Paralympics Sport and Engagement visited Hibiscus Stadium to discuss the \$8 million 2022-23 budget commitment to upgrade our local basketball stadium in the lead-up to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. This is a great local sporting investment that I worked hard to secure. I thank David Derwin and Keith Anthony, president of the Southwest Metro Pirates, for their tireless commitment to our community.

I was delighted to attend the official sod turning of the new Eight Mile Plains Satellite Hospital with the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services alongside my colleagues the member for Springwood, the member for Toohey and the member for Stretton. I also welcomed the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities to the Stackpole Street Wishart dog park to discuss the biggest animal welfare reforms in 20 years with local residents. My cavoodle Coco, along with her furry friends, was very pleased to meet the minister.

Congratulations to: the Rotary Club of Mount Gravatt for hosting fantastic Christmas markets and carols at the Mount Gravatt Showgrounds; LESI Digital Music Education Centre on their spectacular end-of-year concert; and Cloud 8 Karaoke's magnificent Stars Above the Cloud Singing Competition recently held at Festival Hall. It was a pleasure to host my Mansfield electorate Youth Advisory Council's final 2022 meeting at Parliament House, attend the St Peter's and Rochedale State High School academic award ceremonies, and congratulate Mount Gravatt East local swimming star Shayna Jack on her fantastic medal haul at this year's Commonwealth Game.

Finally, I am delighted to announce the winners of my inaugural Mansfield electorate Small Business Awards. Over 1,000 votes were received and the winners are: cafe, Cenzo's; health, wellbeing and fitness, Raw by Bec; trade and services, Grass Action; beauty and hairdressing, Bella Amica; food and beverage, Panini's; retail and sales, Mr Meaty; community organisation, Mothers Connected; all other businesses, Sarah Scott Photography. Congratulations to everyone involved in my Small Business Awards. I look forward to continuing to promote our diverse range of small businesses as the Palaszczuk government delivers good jobs, better services and a great lifestyle for my local community.