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ADJOURNMENT

McQuay, Ms T; Jackson, Mr B; Green, Mr P

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (7.29 pm): It has been a very sad week in the bayside. We have lost three very much loved community members. Whilst these three people probably never crossed paths with each other, they all shared a common love. They all loved their families and were loved in return, and each of them in their own ways have left a mark on me and on the bayside.

After the unexpected death of her beloved husband in the late 1970s, Thelma McQuay went back to work and raised their darling daughter, Michelle, on her own. Thelma worked hard to provide a great education and lifestyle, instilling in Michelle the importance of family, friends and community. Thelma was my very dear friend and mentor.

My friend and life member of the great Australian Labor Party, Bob Jackson, was a true believer. In the words of Paul Lucas, the former member for Lytton, he was a champion bloke who lived his values and did not just talk them. Bob was a dedicated family man who was so very proud of his darling wife, Alison, and their three children. Bob and Alison experienced great tragedy in their lives; however, this never stopped them from working to ensure that there was opportunity for all. The Bob Jackson Pontoon at Sailability Bayside is testament to that. Bob certainly kept us all on our toes and he was never afraid to call out wrongdoings.

Paul Green dedicated his life to his family. He also loved and excelled at the game of Rugby League as a player and a coach. This made him a household name from the bayside right across Queensland and Australia. However, Paul never forgot his roots. He loved the Wynnum Manly community and he loved the Wynnum Manly Seagulls. He has great Wynnum mates—mates that he played with from the under 7s right through to the under 18s at Wynnum Manly juniors and then went on to play with in the NRL. He also has his great mates from Wynnum State High School. Paul and his wife, Amanda, support Paul's old high school, Wynnum State High School, through a wonderful sponsorship program. To Amanda, Emerson and Jed, thank you for sharing Paul with the community. Paul, thank you for the many hours of Rugby League pleasure that you have given. You will be sadly missed.

Vale Thelma, Bob and Paul. Your legacies will live on.