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## ADJOURNMENT

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 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (8.57 pm): The bayside is an incredibly vibrant community. Sadly, we lost one of our shining lights just recently—the lovely Lenore Vela, who has contributed so much not only to the bayside but to the whole of the Queensland community. There is nothing that she did not do. She fostered over 130 children during her lifetime. Nothing was too small or too large. She worked on many projects. She was part of the Mud Army in 2011, and she worked to help other flood victims by making food and providing support in other ways. Vale, my lovely Lenore. She was a beautiful human being and she is sadly missed within our community. To her husband Robert: you are a great human being, Robert. You enabled her and supported her in all of her great pursuits.

On a happier note, Celebrate for Cause is another great organisation that has been raising funds for our bayside community for a number of years. In fact, they have raised close to \$200,000 over the last five years they have been running this wonderful event at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, so thank you to RQ for their support this year. They always choose a local community organisation to raise funds for, and this year they raised funds for the Forgotten Women's Project, which is a housing co-op that provides housing for vulnerable women. They raised \$46,000 for that organisation, and \$11,000 went to the Bayside Community Fund, which I have spoken about in the House previously. It is a wonderful new community foundation we created on the bayside where we contribute funds that will support local organisations.

I am going to finish tonight with a bit of great news about the Wynnum Fringe which is going to start on 16 November. If people in the House do not have their tickets, now is the time to get them. It is a jam-packed program with so much going on over the event from 16 November to 4 December. There is something for everyone. There are community events, children's events and free events. The wonderful Marcia Hines is coming to do some disco, a bit of Velvet Rewired. Dave Hughes is coming, as is Akmal. It is a great program.

It is all on the bayside near the train line and it is affordable. I urge members to not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to support not only local artists but artists from across Australia. The wonderful thing is that both of those last two events I spoke about have been so well supported by the community. We have great community sponsors and stakeholders that are supporting both of these wonderful events. If you do not have your tickets, have a look at all of the events and buy your tickets and I will see you there. I cannot wait. I am really looking forward to the Spiegelteent at George Clayton Park. My good friend Margaret Vote is sponsoring that. I congratulate Tom Oliver and his crew on another Wynnum Fringe.