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Wynnum Fringe Festival; Scams Awareness Week

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (8.57 pm): The Wynnum Fringe Festival is on from 16 November to 4 December. It is a packed program of star studded performances, special events, spectacular artists and family firsts in the beautiful bayside. It is kicking off on the 16th with the Yana Marumba, or Walk Good, which is being led by our Quandamooka elders. There is entertainment for everyone—from Aussie rock royalty Diesel to the Wynnum Fringe Comedy Gala featuring some of the biggest names in stand-up comedy, including Dave Hughes. There is family friendly entertainment: Cabaret queen Dolly Diamond featuring our very own author Dannika Patterson and her best-selling book *Beach Kindy*; the kids comedy circus Chores; and *PreHysterical* the play at the Vault.

Headlining at the Spiegeltent will be Marcia Hines and her show *Velvet Rewired*, which is a glittering, high-energy fusion of burlesque circus dance and my favourite—disco. You might even see me representing Wynnum in the common people dance-off competition against Manly, which is on 3 December. Come on down to the bayside. Get your tickets. There are free events. It is all on at the Wynnum Fringe Garden, the Bayside Music Hall or the Raine and Horne Spiegeltent from 16 November to 4 December. I hope you all make it down there. I am really proud to have supported the Wynnum Fringe Festival from its inception, and I am proud of the government for supporting them in the program.

On a more serious note, it is Scams Awareness Week. It is really important that people take care of their identity online. For those of you who do not know, I was a victim of identity fraud last year so it can happen to anyone. It had a huge impact on me and my life. I had to get a new identity. I had money stolen from my bank account. I had loans taken out in my name. They set up direct debit payments on my credit cards. I ended up having to get a new driver's licence and a new CRN, and I had to get another new one this year because of Optus so I was a victim a second time.

The important thing is that these scammers are out to get you. Do not be caught out. Be smarter than them. Do not give out your passwords. Do not let people onto your commuter. If someone says they are from the ATO and they need to get onto your computer—no, they do not. The important thing is to report these activities because the more data that we have, the more work that we can do to stop these scammers in their tracks. I encourage everyone. Do not be ashamed or embarrassed. It happens to anyone; it happened to me. They rang up my provider and pretended to be me and got a brand new mobile phone number. I had two-factor authentication on my phone and they used that to get the two-factor authentication that was going to allow them to get into all of my accounts. Take care of your online identity. I cannot stress it enough. Take care.