



Speech By Joan Pease

MEMBER FOR LYTTON

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ADJOURNMENT

Lytton Electorate, Acknowledgements

Ms PEASE (Lytton—ALP) (6.28 pm): What an honour it is to be the final speaker in the adjournment debate for 2022. I am really proud to be the member for Lytton.

Ms Grace interjected.

Ms PEASE: We do not have an adjournment debate tomorrow. I am sorry about that, but I will get back on track. 2022 has been a great year. It has had lots of highs and some lows. I will begin by acknowledging some of the people from my electorate who have passed away. They were great community members. I acknowledge Paul Green, a great footballer, and Bob Jackson, a great Labor Party man. We also lost the wonderful Lenore Vela, who was a great community worker and a wonderful foster carer, and John Wakeley. My good friend Wayne Holmes is very poorly in hospital at the moment and I wish him well.

I acknowledge all of the great hardworking teachers in my community. A number of them are retiring at the end of this school year and I want to acknowledge a few of them. I know there will be more and I am sorry I will miss some. I acknowledge the wonderful Liz Williams who has taught in the high school system for 42 years. She has taught at Wynnum State High School for 25 years or thereabouts. Liz has taught many students and is now teaching the children of student she taught initially. I was fortunate to be invited to Liz's send-off. Many teachers were there and I was so proud to be in a room of such dedicated and hardworking teachers who have cared for and done so much for generations of children. They are our future and they are in good hands. I am very sad to see Liz going. I also acknowledge Anne Roylance from Wynnum State High School. Anne has brought wonderful music and joy to the community. Kim Hutchins has gone on long service leave. I think Kim has been at the school since 1985. She has done wonderful things in educating our young people. All of those teachers have left an amazing legacy, as has David Cockburn from Iona College. David was a great teacher at that school. I give them all a very heartfelt thankyou.

I also want to thank my electorate staff without whom I could not do my job. They are very much respected in my community. They are hardworking, kind and dedicated people. I thank them for everything they do. I thank Jo, Nicola and Hugh as well as the others who come along to help such as Brenda, my sister Maureen and Catherine who volunteer in the office. I thank them for the great work that they do. I also acknowledge all the hardworking staff at Parliamentary Services because they do an amazing job in looking after us. I thank the attendants, the parliamentary security and the catering staff. They really do an amazing job. Mr Clerk, you should be very proud of the hard work they do and of how dedicated they are to their jobs and to looking after us all. Margaret, I wish you good luck. We will miss you. You have done a great job.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Bush): Hear, hear!