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Pine Rivers Small Business Awards

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (7.27 pm): Recently, it was a real delight to recognise the best of the best when it comes to our small businesses and social enterprises in Pine Rivers. It is their hard work and dedication that in large part makes the Pine Rivers community such a wonderful place to live, visit and access services from. Through tough or tumultuous times, it is often our small business community that has allowed us to connect with one another and stay connected. When our small businesses are healthy and thriving, it means secure, quality local jobs and a boost to our local economy.

Our trade and services category winner is Pulse Vet Warner. Opening in the middle of COVID, they are a family owned and operated business with a focus on patients' needs. Our health and beauty winner is Simply Elegant who has no shortage of accolades. It is located in Strathpine. It has been owned by Cherie for 20 years. The Youth Development Foundation works with disadvantaged and disengaged youth and their families. Seven out of the 16 staff members are past participants. YDF won our social enterprise category. Our health and fitness award went to Cloud Radiology in Strathpine which has state-of-the-art technology and a strong customer service approach. The hospitality category winner is a real crowd favourite. They have taken a home business to a thriving small business in Warner and is a great stop to meet up and have a sweet treat, and that is 2 Chefs and a Cupcake.

In the most hotly contested category of retail and sales, the Twigs Toy Boutique offers high-quality children's toys that are good for the environment and development and caters for a neurodiverse community. Our micro small business winner was Mads Creation. It has been operating for just over 12 months with a wide variety of personalised items. People are, of course, at the heart of our small business and it was tremendous to recognise those essential humans whom our community adores, including Eloise Torrisi from Torrisi Beauty, Courtney Baker from YDF, Ardie McGrath from the 2 Do Crew, Fiona and Emily Taylor from Baffies Oan Books, and Brad and Rochelle Melville at Veridian Pen Studio.

I say thank you to the QCWA Samford for catering afternoon tea at the event for the award recipients. I also thank the wonderful Samford Bowls Club. We originally planned to hold this event in February, but the club was affected by flooding. It was unfortunate we could not do it then, but it was great to join in the recovery in a recent event. Maree Adshead, the Queensland Small Business Commissioner, came along to help celebrate with our small business community along with the Mayor of Moreton Bay, Councillor Peter Flannery, and Councillor Darren Grimwade from division 11 in Moreton Bay. I also thank my absolutely wonderful team.

This Christmas season let's shop local and back in our small business owners and keep our dollars circulating through our communities. Congratulations to our winners.