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ADJOURNMENT

WindsorFest

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (7.08 pm): Last weekend two events were held in the Clayfield electorate that demonstrated the community spirit and resilience of some of our most flood devastated local communities. Last Saturday, Windsor State School held its biannual community festival, WindsorFest. WindsorFest is a much loved community event held on the grounds of Windsor State School. WindsorFest returned this year after a four-year COVID induced absence, with thousands of local residents, parents, students and teachers enjoying the community stalls, live entertainment, food trucks and a host of carnival rides and attractions.

Residents of parts of Windsor, especially along the banks of Breakfast Creek, were some of those most badly affected by the floods earlier this year, so it was an honour and a pleasure to be a gold sponsor for WindsorFest this year, sponsoring the community and local business marketplace as well as providing free marquees for many of the stalls. I also recognise the support of Councillor Andrew Wines for this great local festival. I have always been a strong supporter of Windsor State School since it became part of the Clayfield electorate in 2017.

WindsorFest organisers, Rebecca Tuplin and Sabrina Risby, deserve special mention for the outstanding job they did over many months to ensure the event ran like clockwork and with military style precision. As a result of their long nights and enthusiasm, together with the hardworking army of volunteers, early indications are WindsorFest will raise over \$95,000. This money will go to part of the cost of the million-dollar-plus refurbishment of the school's 100-year-old swimming pool.

Highlights of the day included Windsor State School principal Grant Baker taking a dive in the dunk tank. I, of course, was unavailable to be dunked at that time. Aunty Sharron from Indigenous Insights also ran a fantastic concert for all the kids, highlighting the importance of looking after the land and the environment, as well as being an active member of our local communities. There was live music from the Smashing Bumpkins, Benjam Band and, most importantly, performances from the students themselves. Overall, it was a fantastic event that brought the community together for the first time in four years to support Windsor State School. Congratulations to all involved!

The Kalinga Park playground in Clayfield also had its reopening last Saturday, spearheaded by hardworking Councillor David McLachlan, the councillor for the Hamilton ward. After being damaged severely by the floods earlier this year, this much loved playground could finally reopen. The Brisbane City Council has worked hard to facilitate Kalinga Park's refurbishment at a cost of \$55,000. Hundreds turned up to enjoy a morning of fun and activities, including face painting and live music. While there it was interesting to note the flood marker which hails from after the 1974 floods is noticeably underdone and an extra three metres of height will be needed for it to mark the 2022 flood event.

Terrific events such as these show us that community resilience is really what holds us together during unforeseen challenges. I am proud to say that in Clayfield we continue to build resilience and strength through grassroots efforts to keep our community strong.