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 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (7.28 pm): As usual, the Mansfield electorate has been a hub for exciting activities and events. Recently, it was wonderful to spend my weekend at the Mount Gravatt Show. This beloved show has run for an impressive 107 years and brings an exciting buzz to the streets and homes of my community. I would like to extend my congratulations to the President of the Mount Gravatt Show Society, Greg Goebel, and his team on such a successful event.

In July, I held the second meeting of my Youth Advisory Council at Wishart State School. The topic of the meeting centred around vaping and its impacts on our young people. It was a pleasure to facilitate those conversations, culminating in the students writing a submission to the Health and Environment Committee to aid their inquiry.

Currently, my office in Upper Mount Gravatt is a donation point for Care Kits for Kids. The not-for-profit organisation's co-founder, Stephanie, is a Mansfield local and a former teacher. Stephanie and her team provide free care kits for vulnerable children in their time of need. Recently, I had the privilege of thanking the organisation with the councillor for Morningside, Lucy Collier.

Like many of us, I have been in awe of the mighty Matildas for not only their skill on the field but also the impressive way they have brought our nation together and paved the way for women's sport. The Mansfield electorate and I have a personal connection with this sensational team. Talented midfielder Katrina Gorry grew up playing junior soccer for our beloved Mount Gravatt Hawks. Katrina also attended Cavendish Road State High School where I was formerly the principal. I know our entire community is proud of Katrina and all that she has achieved.

This morning I was very sorry to learn of the loss of one of our local community members, Stuart Layt, who was a respected journalist at the *Brisbane Times* and AAP. Stu was a Mansfield State High School alumnus and later settled down at Rochedale with his wife, Rose, and young daughter, Chloe. Unfortunately, Stu passed away this week at age 40 due to an aggressive form of bowel cancer. Stu's friends have described him as a gentleman and 'one of the nicest guys you could ever meet'. He was highly regarded as a Queensland political reporter and later as a science reporter for the *Brisbane Times* and Nine newspapers. Today, in state parliament the Premier spoke very highly of Stu. My thoughts are with his beloved wife and daughter and his many family and friends. Certainly my community and electorate will mourn his loss.