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 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (7.03 pm): September is set to be another busy month for the Mansfield electorate, hosting a variety of community events enjoyed by all. Last Sunday, small businesses, community leaders and families flocked to Rochedale's Kev Vanstone Park for the 2023 Rochedale Community Day. With beautiful weather, terrific music and activities for all ages, it was heartwarming to see such a close-knit community come together to celebrate their suburb. The Rochedale community has the most inspiring community spirit. I would like to especially thank the committee, Marc, Jezza and Helen as well as Frank, for all the work they did to make the event the success it was.

Recently I attended the Wishart State School public speaking grand final, an annual event that sees every student recite a poem and a persuasive speech to their classmates, with three students chosen from each year level to present in front of the entire school. Congratulations to all students on this incredible achievement. Public speaking is one of the most important, yet terrifying, skills to learn. Maybe one day we will see some of these students presenting their maiden speeches as members of parliament.

The Mount Gravatt PCYC is very excited to be receiving \$1 million as part of record funding of \$56 million to PCYCs throughout the state. I am thrilled that our local club will be among those to benefit, ensuring our PCYC continues to support our young people in our community.

The Mansfield electorate is home to many palliative care and retirement villages. Last week, to show my appreciation and to lend a hand, I donated wheelchairs to three of these aged-care facilities as well as the Mount Gravatt Community Centre. These wheelchairs were given to me by Chung Tian Temple to give to those who need it most in our community. I have been told these wheelchairs will assist families who wish to take their residents out on day trips.

Finally, last Thursday night I participated in the Forgotten Women Project's Live Like her Challenge which saw me and 240 others sleep in our cars for the night, raising approximately \$250,000 and awareness of homelessness amongst women over 55. I would like to thank all those who donated to my cause. These donations will work towards making such a difference to the lives of our most vulnerable demographic at risk of homelessness. I share with all members of parliament that it was such a humbling experience to sleep in my car for the night and then wake up and do a full day at work. It very much gave me the experience of what it must be like for the homeless women in our society.

Mr Lister interjected.

Ms McMILLAN: I challenge all members of parliament, including the member for Southern Downs, to show their support and participate, as I mentioned, in this incredibly humbling experience in 2024.