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 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (6.22 pm): I rise tonight incredibly excited to let the House know about some fantastic events my community has hosted in the recent weeks. I will start with the fantastic Sri Lankan festival that is hosted in the heart of my community at the beautiful Rocks Riverside Park. The festival has been held there now for a number of years and it really does get bigger and bigger every single year. This year we featured some Sri Lankan weather as well as some Sri Lankan culture. It was incredibly hot. The food, the entertainment and the cultural performances were absolutely second to none. I was pleased to see, in addition to members of the Sri Lankan diaspora, that we also had a lot of people in my community coming through. It is great to see the community informing themselves and taking an interest in this beautiful community. I thank the 'Jays' on the organising committee—I call them the 'Jays'. They did an amazing job. It is no wonder this event gets bigger and better every year.

'Noise, different, unusual' is a great way to describe the trivia night held by the Jamboree Heights State School P&C. Thank goodness the police did not need to be called this year for any noise complaints. It was a fabulous night nonetheless. The Jamboree Heights Hall was packed out for a fantastic trivia night. My tablemates and I dressed as Kath and Kim. I went as Kath. I had a great wig. I did not want to wear it tonight as it would be seen as a prop.

Mr Lister: 'Look at moi!', 'look at moi!'

Ms PUGH: Indeed, member for Southern Downs, 'look at moi!' In the time I have left I want to tell the House about a fantastic event we had on Sunday this week just gone and the reason I am wearing this yellow blazer tonight. I met with the wonderful Amy Gomes, who is a fantastic ambulance officer. She wanted to organise a concert to fundraise to get a local community group an AED. I put my thinking hat on and a few days later I texted my St Cat's soccer club about their upcoming Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant. They said, 'We want to apply for an AED', and I said, 'You've got to talk to Amy.' Amy organised Greg Page from the Heart of the Nation charity—of course, we all know him as the Yellow Wiggle. Members may recall that Greg had a health incident live on stage. He was saved by an AED. He has invested a lot of time and resources into getting community AEDs that are publicly accessible because we know that defibrillators save lives. The event took place on Sunday and I am thrilled to give the House and the community an update. The funds raised at the Heart of the Nation event raised enough for probably three defibrillators that will be located throughout the community. I would love to thank our sponsors because their donations were absolutely critically important: Helen Saba Real Estate, Metro Middle Park and Triple Platinum Rush Gorillas did an amazing job. Thank you.