




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Lytton Electorate

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (2.53 pm): I am always delighted to stand up here and talk about my fantastic community on the bayside. I am really proud to be the member for Lytton. I have spoken in the past about the many injustices that were done to Wynnum Manly under the Newman era. However, I am delighted that last month we transferred the title of the land at the old Wynnum hospital site over to our wonderful Winnam Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Corporation. They are regenerating that site into a magnificent residential aged-care facility that is culturally appropriate for their entire community. The lovely thing is that the scribbly gum forest at the back is being kept and maintained and will become an important part of the journey.

I am also thrilled about the Wynnum Fringe. I know I talk about that event very often in this place. I want to remind everyone to put aside some time in the middle of November to come down during the three weeks when the Wynnum Fringe is on again. Everyone can relax. It is coming back. I encourage everyone to come along. The wonderful thing about this is that the Palaszczuk government has got right behind Wynnum Fringe and is providing significant funding to support the arts community and the development of new up-and-coming artists by providing mentorship opportunities.

That is not all. What has been wonderful about the Wynnum Fringe is that it has really invigorated our arts community. This weekend we have the steampunk event which is a cosplay event, and it is fantastic. There is so much happening. It begins tomorrow night with the opening of an arts festival, and then on Saturday there will be a cosplay and steampunk event. If you are into that, come on down. It is at the Wynnum Community Centre, which is in Florence Street, Wynnum.

One of the other great organisations in my electorate is Crime Stoppers. I know it was their day yesterday to be recognised. Crime Stoppers in my community do a fantastic job. We have recently hosted together a Scamwatch event. It was very well attended. What is so wonderful about that is that we had over 120 people come along to hear from Crime Stoppers and me about how to protect yourself from scams. For those of you who do not know, I actually had my identity stolen a couple of years ago. It had a huge impact and I know how frustrating it is. If anyone needs some advice or assistance, Crime Stoppers have some great packages.

One devastating thing that I would like to talk about in my electorate is that another bank has walked away from my community. It is a disgrace. They did not even bother to ring and tell me. I found out about it because one of my electorate staff got a letter from them. They are all being told, 'Sorry, no-one uses the banks anymore. They all want to use online banking.' That is not appropriate for everyone. I call on the big banks to stop walking away from their clients.