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 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (7.40 pm): Whilst I would love to use my three minutes to tear to shreds what was obviously an audition for a front-row position in the shadow cabinet, I do not want to waste time. I know—as does all of Queensland—how well the Palaszczuk government is doing in terms of supporting people during this cost-of-living crisis. Whether it be free kindy, electricity rebates or rebates on energy-efficient electrical appliances, we are supporting our community. I debunk what the member for Ninderry has said.

I want to talk about my beautiful community. The Bayside Community Fund, which is a sub-branch of the Queensland Community Foundation, is creating opportunities for locals to leave a lasting legacy to the community that we all love. The Bayside Community Fund has been very well supported by the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, the Ham Bros, Charities for a Cause, personal donations and fundraising events such as Pups in the Park. The BCF is committed to the bayside and recently ran community awards in conjunction with the *Community Leader*. They called for nominations from locals for their favourite small business in 14 categories, and they received 118 nominations with close to 10,000 votes received.

The community got right behind the awards with support from sponsors including Sara Whitmee, councillor for Wynnum-Manly; Wynnum Golf Club; Wynnum Manly Leagues Club; Small Business Lawyer; Wynnum Plaza; Bendigo Bank; My Financial Design; Wynnum Fringe; and, of course, the *Community Leader*. To top it off, on 9 November a gala awards night was held at the leagues club, with over 320 in attendance. What a night. It was a huge success and a great way to promote and support our local small businesses.

I recently hosted, in conjunction with the mighty Wynnum Manly Seagulls, a women in sports lunch, celebrating the role of women in sport. From sportswomen to sports administrators, we heard about their journey in what was once a very male dominated space. It was great to hear from Kate Jones, NRL commissioner; Elissia Carnavas, former Matilda and sports journalist; Jorja Brinums, Queensland Rugby League's lead content producer; and Romy Teitzel, second-rower from the women's Broncos team. They were all amazing.

Times have really changed. Women's sport is filling stadiums. Look at the recent World Cup—the outpouring of love and support for the Matildas and all of the other countries in attendance. Women's cricket, tennis, sailing, Rugby League, Rugby Union and hockey are all doing fabulously. I thank all of the people who attended, particularly the Moreton Bay College students. I hope they were inspired. What a great time to be an athlete, with 2032 just around the corner. Perhaps it might be a nice time to consider changing the 'Women's Rugby League' to just 'Rugby League' and having a women's competition, similar to AFL, tennis and sailing. Good luck to all the year 12s finishing!