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## ADJOURNMENT

### Bundamba Electorate

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (6.58 pm): Last week we marked Queensland's Women's Week which included our 2023 International Women's Day celebrations. Locally, I was very proud to host a table at the annual Zonta Ipswich International Women's Day breakfast. That always attracts a huge number of supporters. It was almost a complete sellout this year. I was honoured to join our inspirational local women's leaders which included leaders from Riverview Neighbourhood Watch, our Ripley Valley Community Association as well as other leaders. Our local celebrations also included a high tea hosted by the team from Queensland's Youth and Family Support Service that was backed by local police officers from Goodna. It was an absolutely fantastic event. I would like to say thank you to all of the women in our lives for all that they do for us as individuals and for our community not just on International Women's Day but also the other 364 days each and every year.

We had a wonderful Clean Up Australia Day event locally where I was proud to join with volunteers in Redbank Plains at the Fernbrooke Ridge Sports Ground on what was an absolutely beautiful, stunning Sunday morning. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Pye Augustine and the other local organisers for putting together what was a brilliant morning where locals came together and really helped beautify our local community.

Our local community has also backed our hugely successful Containers for Change program, which is another shining example of our community spirit of caring for our local environment. I recently had the pleasure of catching up with a little legend of that program, a 2½-year-old called Ramona from Goodna. Ramona has helped her dad, Blair, recycle over 10,000 bottles and cans through the program with the refunds supporting our local Goodna Street Life Christmas appeal to which Ramona and her family donated Hot Wheels cars for Christmas presents. That is absolutely wonderful and it is another incredible display of community pride and passion. I would encourage everyone to keep an eye out for this brightly coloured pair in and around Goodna during their daily walks in the morning.