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## ADJOURNMENT

### Bannerman, Mr D

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (6.03 pm): On Sunday, 26 March I had the pleasure to join with my community at the Highlands Recreation Reserve for the inaugural Bannerman Cup. It was a fitting tribute to the life and legacy of Samford local David Bannerman. David was an active leader and contributor throughout our community, known to many for the impact he had on shaping and conserving our community over many years. A self-confessed old hippy, David prided himself on his record of standing up to overdevelopment through Samford and in many ways can be credited for the lifestyle and conservation Samford enjoys today. He described the jewel in his crown as the restoration and conservation of the historic Farmers Hall in Samford.

David loved words. He was the founder and editor of the *South Pine Chronicle* and former editor of the *Village Pump*, the local community papers. He was the founder of the trash and treasure at the Samford Waste Station as a passionate advocate for the environment. He also loved politics, which extended to his running for local government in our area and also assuming the role as the supreme moderator of the progress association's 'meet the candidates' forum in Samford prior to each election. David was also mad keen on cricket. At the cricket grounds, David brought together folks from the mountains, the valley and right out to Dayboro to play out the summer weekends. He could always be found barefoot umpiring the games, capturing sensational images and then reporting on the action, capturing a record of the day's play in words.

One of the projects I was most worried I would never be able to deliver, the one that kept me up at night, was getting a dedicated footbridge by the Percy Cash Bridge in Samford. My first candidates forum highlighted the issue to me, and one of its key promoters was David. Working with local councillor Darren Grimwade, we got the project secured and delivered for the community. I recall fondly getting the opportunity to walk across the bridge with David after our official opening as he was on his way home, a moment of complete and rewarding achievement.

David was a distinctly unique man. He lived his life on his own terms and that included his departure. David was diagnosed with cancer and given two months to live, and used our voluntary assisted dying framework to avoid what he described as a very gruesome death. In our last conversation David thanked me and our government for ensuring Queenslanders such as him have a right to choose. He is survived by his devoted wife, Helen, and their three sons, Gavin, Keith and Malcolm.

David made an impact not only on our community but also on so many of us within the community. He peacefully passed on 27 February 2023. On Sunday the cricket oval was officially named the David Bannerman Oval—a fitting legacy to a man who brought people together with joy and preserved the precious things in our community. Vale, David Bannerman.