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## ADJOURNMENT

### Pine Rivers Small Business Awards

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (6.29 pm): What a pleasure it is to update the House on the wonderful Pine Rivers Small Business Awards, hosted only last week. We welcomed our small business minister and champion Di Farmer into our community along with our Small Business Commissioner, Ms Dominique Lamb. I am rising tonight to let the House know about the fantastic winners from our 2023 small business awards.

In the category of health and fitness, our winner was Integrate Physiotherapy. Integrate Physio pride themselves on delivering exceptional care. The team's expertise extends over a combined 70 years during which they have seen and treated over 25,000 patients. They also offer fixed travel costs for NDIS and community home visit clients. This saves thousands of dollars right across our community. In trades and services, our winner was All Occasions by Nic. This is a fantastic business that customises balloon garlands, balloon bouquets and backdrop hire for all types of events and occasions. They also offer a range of event prop hire and DIY 'grab and go' balloon gardens. The balloons that they use for events are biodegradable.

In the beauty and hairdressing category, our winner was Hair and Beauty by Peta. This is a wonderful salon that is home-based in the community of Bray Park. When you walk into the salon you get to meet Frankie, the salon's mascot cat. Lots of other foster kittens and cats from the Animal Welfare League have called Hair and Beauty by Peta home over the years as part of their socialisation process to be adopted. Peta is a bubbly personality and at a recent drop-in she helped me tame my toddler's curls, which was quite appreciated.

Our cafe and restaurant winner was Uno Caffe & Pizzeria, a fantastic family orientated venue for young and old. They minimise their global footprint by buying local and employing locals, including supporting local school students with work experience and employment opportunities for our youth. Melissa and Dan bring together their passions—flavourful food made from the heart and customer mateship.

The winner in our trades category was JBS Dog and Cat Grooming Services + Doggy Daycare. Not only do they get your dogs and cats looking and smelling great but they also take care of them. They love giving back, including by providing essential goods after the recent Lismore floods. In the early childhood category, after 50 years in our community, it was Dayboro Community Kindy, which is a fantastic child-led play-based indoor-outdoor program which focuses on independence and empowerment of children. We had over 30,000 votes in our small business awards, just in the final category. It is absolutely fantastic. Our small businesses create jobs, support our local economy, contribute to our community and provide unique and personal services. They are absolutely fantastic. It was wonderful to celebrate them last week.