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 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (9.49 pm): I am proud to share that the 2024 Mount Gravatt Show was a huge success. I spent my show weekend enjoying the best of my community, visiting show stalls run by locals, fantastic art exhibits and of course the farm animals. My Saturday was so enjoyable that I knew I needed to show it off to our Premier, Steven Miles, who joined me on the Sunday. I am so grateful for his support of this fantastic show, and our Mansfield electorate enjoyed meeting our Premier. Thank you, Premier, for visiting the heart of the Mansfield electorate. I would also like to extend that appreciation to the Mount Gravatt Showgrounds Trust and the Show Society for their tremendous work in the lead-up to the weekend. Our community are immensely grateful for their efforts in bringing us together. I certainly look forward, as the member for Mansfield, to the 109th show in 2025.

The Mount Gravatt Show Society are always looking for ways to make the Mount Gravatt Showgrounds even better. Greg Goebel, Leon Zagorskis and Professor Gerry Fitzgerald from the Mount Gravatt Showgrounds Trust thought it would be very insightful to seek some advice from some of the most valued members of our community—and of course that is our students. The Mansfield Youth Advisory Council were honoured to discuss proposed development ideas with the showgrounds trust during our last Youth Advisory Council meeting. In their discussions, they highlighted the importance of environmental sustainability and appropriate First Nations acknowledgement. I was so proud of these students for sharing these well-thought-out and inclusive ideas to ensure the development of this community monument is celebrated.

This month I was lucky enough to attend the India Day Fair at Roma Street Parkland celebrating Indian Independence Day. It was incredible to celebrate the vibrant culture, performances, delicious food and the rich heritage of India. The Mansfield electorate is incredibly diverse, which I am so proud to lead. The India Day Fair was an opportunity for me and my colleagues to reflect on our respective communities and the unique diversity that they each bring.

Finally, I acknowledge the winner of the Mansfield Greats Queensland Day awards as my southsider of the year, Biju Mathew, trustee of the St George Indian Orthodox Church. As a friend of Biju, I have seen how hard he and the church work to celebrate our community's diversity. With regular community events, the St George Indian Orthodox Church is an essential hub for celebrating diversity in our community. For this reason, I would like to commend to the House Biju and the church for their outstanding work.