




Speech By
Shane King

MEMBER FOR KURWONGBAH

Record of Proceedings, 30 April 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Parliamentary Friends of Music

 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (7.15 pm): I rise this evening to talk about all things live music. As members would know, in a recent sitting week we had another one of our amazing Parliamentary Friends of the Music industry events in the Premier's Hall. It was meant to be on the Speaker's Green, but weather and other issues stopped that. We had a great event anyway. These events are bigger and better each time. I would like to thank our sponsors Kris and the team from QMusic, Bernie and the Queensland Hotels Association, Brick Lane Brewing and Trentham Estate Wines and, of course, my co-chair, the member for Bonney.

Anyone who came along will agree that DJ Eljae was a hit, as well as James Blundell and his son. I am not known as the biggest country music fan, but James was outstanding and we all appreciate him playing for us. I also have to give a shout-out to a great new local band from out my way who came along on the night—the Phosphenes. Rosie, Toby and Reece are very talented young musos. They constantly impress all who listen to them with their original music. A testament to this is that they made the finals for the Brisbane Battle of the Bands final last week at Black Bear Lodge and came second. I am sure they will bring it home next time.

The Parliamentary Friends of the Music Industry group was formed by myself and the member for Bonney after the difficult time of the COVID-19 virus when the music industry was suffering. We believe with 93 members in this place, spread over the whole state, we could all be out in our communities making sure upcoming bands like the Phosphenes get some recognition. I know the member for Redlands is the No. 1 supporter of her local band, the Beddy Rays from Redland Bay. They have had a lot of success and are well on their way. Other members are the same. I have often talked with the member for Toowoomba North about his love for the live music scene as well. We are very fortunate in Moreton Bay to have two highly-renowned venues in Eatons Hill and Sandstone Point that host some of the biggest and best. In fact, last weekend, Eatons Hill hosted the Pandemonium show which was headlined by Alice Cooper. So we do all right, and much better than Sirromet, member for Capalaba! Rob Comiskey and the team certainly deliver the goods for us in Moreton Bay.

Recently QMusic hosted the Queensland Music Awards. I was honoured to be invited along. Sadly, due to our sitting schedule, I could not make it, but one of my Kurwongbah team members went along. Some of our great local talent were awarded. Sahara Beck and Jem Cassar-Daly both won awards. Members will remember that they played here at the inaugural Parliamentary Friends of Music event. James Blundell, who played at the last one, was awarded. We saw them here first, members! So next time we host one of these events, please come along. Better still, get out in your communities and support your own local bands. We surely have another Powderfinger, Bee Gees, AC/DC or INXS out there somewhere.