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 **Miss DOOLAN** (Pumicestone—LNP) (2.33 pm): The past couple of months have been an absolute whirlwind packed with events, milestones and moments of community spirit. From the fabulous Caboolture Show, the Abbey Medieval Festival, Yarun EcoFlix and Sandstone Point Hotel's 10th anniversary to gatherings right across the Pumicestone electorate, as the Deputy Premier said this morning, I've been everywhere, man! However, alongside the celebrations, it has also been a time of sadness and remembrance.

We farewelled Keith Hadley, a fellow Sandstone Point Lion with whom I was fortunate to spend time over the past two years. At his memorial I learned that Keith grew up down the road from my dad in Narangba and that he had even taught my Uncle Richard at St Paul's School. It really is a small world. I want to place on record my condolences to Jenny Hadley, Keith's family and all who have lost a father, grandfather, stepdad, uncle and friend.

We also lost Bribie local Dr Sally Goold OAM. She was a proud Indigenous woman, visionary leader and trailblazer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and nursing. Thanks to Barry France and Sally's family, her memorial service at the Bribie Island Surf Club was a moment of reflection and pride, honouring her transformative contributions not just in nursing but also in the fight for equity, justice and culturally safe care for First Nations peoples. On behalf of the Crisafulli government I extend our heartfelt condolences to Dr Goold's family, her loved ones and the many communities she uplifted throughout her remarkable life.

On Monday, 18 August, I joined local services for Vietnam Veterans Day commemorations. Those ceremonies are deeply moving. They are a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by those who served. I thank the Beachmere and Bribie Island RSL sub-branches for their commitment to ensuring those commemorations remain dignified and enduring.

On a lighter note, I recently visited Pumicestone State School, where students are working on projects about issues facing our community. Their enthusiasm and fresh ideas were inspiring and gave me a valuable glimpse into the future of Pumicestone.

Next week at the Bribie Island RSL Club, I am honoured to be hosting and emceeing a Gathering for Freedom event with Destiny Rescue, an organisation doing extraordinary work rescuing children from human trafficking. This cause is close to my heart as I fundraised for Destiny Rescue during my high school years and I promised myself I would continue to support their mission. I am especially pleased that the interim CEO, Chris Gribble, will be joining us to share powerful rescue and restoration stories that I know will leave a lasting impact on our community.

Finally, on a personal note, I am proud to share that I have recently graduated with a dual degree in environmental science and business. I am eager to put these skills into practice for the benefit of our region. Bribie Island and the Pumicestone electorate are incredibly special places and I want to ensure we protect what makes our home so unique. Our beaches, bushland and wildlife must be safeguarded so that future generations can enjoy them just as we do today.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr McDonald): Member for Pumicestone, congratulations on your dual degree. Well done.