



Speech By
Ariana Doolan

MEMBER FOR PUMICESTONE

Record of Proceedings, 15 October 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Pumicestone Electorate

 **Miss DOOLAN** (Pumicestone—LNP) (9.22 pm): Tonight I rise to acknowledge a very special young woman who will forever hold a place in the hearts of the Pumicestone community. Today would have been Charlize Zmuda's 18th birthday. Charlize's family, friends and even my dad have gathered tonight at Pigface at Woorim, where she worked, to honour her life and celebrate the incredible young woman she was.

Charlize's legacy continues to inspire action, kindness and community. On 15 November at 1 pm, the Char's Travelling Turtles Fundraiser will be held at the Bribie Island Bulldogs AFL field. This beautiful event will support the creation of small wooden turtles for people to take with them on their travels—something Charlize always dreamed of doing herself. Through this initiative, her adventurous spirit will continue to travel the world, touching lives far and wide. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Claire Waugh from Island Beauty Hut for her leadership in ensuring this event will be a success and to all of the generous sponsors, especially the lamkind Movement, which is selling Charlize's T-shirts to help fundraise for the day. Charlize's story is a powerful reminder of how one young person's light can continue to shine brightly even after tragedy.

I also want to take a moment to pay my respects to a true island legend, Sue from Sue's Bar and Grill and Sue's Burger Bar, who sadly passed away. During the height of COVID, when many businesses were struggling, Sue and a handful of other small business owners on Bribie banded together to support one another, not just in business but also personally. There was never competition from Sue, only kindness, generosity and a genuine desire to see others thrive. She was the kind of person who built people up and gave without expecting anything in return. It was moving to attend her funeral and hear her family's stories, which painted a picture of a woman who embodied community spirit. Sue was a hospitality hero, a friend and a champion for local businesses. She will be dearly missed.

There are also some wonderful upcoming community events that I want to highlight. This Saturday at 1.30 pm, the Cancer Council Bribie Branch will be hosting the Bribie Big Band Concert at Banksia Beach State School. I am proud to sponsor this event which raises vital funds for cancer research and support services. It is always a fantastic afternoon of music and community, and I encourage locals to come along and support the cause. I especially want to acknowledge Debbie Thorpe, president of the Bribie Cancer Council branch, for her tireless dedication and leadership.

In November at the Bribie RSL, the Pumicestone Business Chamber and I will host a 'Say No to Domestic Violence' event. We will be welcoming Minister Camm and a panel of speakers including Lucy Lord from the Red Rose Foundation. Domestic and family violence is an issue that affects every corner of our community, and it is vital that we continue to have these conversations and drive real change.

On 2 November, from 10 am to 12.30 pm, BIEPA will host their Giant Turtle Event at Woorim Beach. This event celebrates our deep love for our marine life and highlights the importance of protecting our environment.

Finally, this Friday I look forward to officially opening the Bribie Island Nature Festival proudly supported by the Queensland government. This festival brings people from across the state to experience our unique natural environment.