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ADJOURNMENT

Whyte, Chief Inspector R

 **Mrs POOLE** (Mundingburra—LNP) (9.03 pm): RCW—the man, the myth, the legend. Tonight I take this opportunity to honour not just a colleague but a dear friend, Chief Inspector Roger Whyte. Roger has spent 42 years as a police officer with the Queensland Police Service proudly serving the people of Queensland, starting back in 1983 as a young, fresh-faced high school graduate.

His first posting was to Mackay as a cadet and from there his career took him right across the state—Mareeba, Weipa, Babinda, Brisbane, Roma—and finally brought him back home to Townsville, where he finished as a chief inspector. Roger has seen enormous change in policing in the community during his 42 years of service and through it all he has never lost his sense of purpose, his humour or his dedication. He has been there through some of Queensland's toughest moments. In every one of these moments Roger stood firm, calm, compassionate and always focused on keeping people safe.

While most people would take a milestone birthday off, especially one that marks your retirement, not Roger. He will work up until the very last hour of his 60th birthday today at midnight. That is just who he is—dedicated to the very end. What really makes Roger special is that he has never just been about the job, he has always been about the people. Back in his academy days he played Rugby League under Wayne Bennett and Mal Meninga. What a great coaching line-up! For Roger that passion became a lifelong commitment. For more than 30 years he has poured his heart into Rugby League, supporting at-risk youth, opening doors for kids from remote and First Nations communities and backing the rise of women's Rugby League. This year that dedication was recognised at both the state and the national level when Roger was named both the QRL and NRL Volunteer of the Year 2025.

Roger—Boss—you have been a mentor, a mate, a steady hand for so many of us, both in the uniform and out. You have left an incredible legacy in the Queensland Police Service. On behalf of the community and everyone who has had the privilege of working with you, thank you for your 42 years of service, your friendship and everything you have done to make our community stronger and safer. You will always be remembered fondly by your family of blue. At the end of the day, when the dust settles, Bub, 100 per cent, Roger Whyte, you have been our favourite chief inspector. Enjoy your retirement. I look forward to having a long black in a small cup with an extra shot and catching up with your Roger stories.