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## PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

### Seniors Week

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (3.02 pm): On behalf of the good people of Cleveland I rise to report to the parliament on a very successful Seniors Week program. Seniors Week is an opportunity for Queenslanders of all ages to join together and celebrate the valuable contributions of senior people. Cleveland has a significant and growing seniors community, with the bay often being a home for those who choose a comfortable and relaxed retirement. The good news, as announced previously, is that the LNP Newman government will invest \$125,000 per annum over the next three years in Seniors Week programs across Queensland.

Seniors Week is a fantastic opportunity for the Cleveland community to embrace and showcase the everyday contributions senior citizens make to their local community. I wish to commend Tony Christensen and RDCOTA, the Redlands District Council of the Ageing, once again for another fantastic program involving the coordination and collaboratively planning, running and subsidising of Seniors Week events and activities.

The Council on the Ageing has once again worked with local community groups in Cleveland and throughout Queensland to: improve community attitudes towards older people and ageing; facilitate community participation and activity by older people, including those from Indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; and enhance community connections and intergenerational relationships. In Cleveland I had the privilege of attending several events associated with Seniors Week even though I was tied up in the House for most of the week.

The Redlands U3A held a breakfast function that was well attended and had popular radio presenter Madonna King as its guest speaker. The event was held at the Donald Simpson Over 50s Leisure Centre. Ernie Harrison, the director of the centre, does a fantastic job, together with his team, running a whole range of events for seniors in the Cleveland and broader Redlands.

I also had the privilege to attend the Redland City Seniors Week concert on Sunday afternoon. The event was a great showcase of the musical talent among our senior citizens in the Cleveland and Redlands area. The annual seniors walk is also a great event. I usually am involved in that and do the walk. This year, however, I was not able to do it. Many participated in that walk. It went very well.

I commend the hard work and effort of the countless seniors groups to conduct and organise events during Seniors Week. It is a fantastic initiative. I commend the LNP Newman government for its commitment to promoting and funding important activities during Seniors Week every year.