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- (7) Appreciates the upgrade addresses the ongoing safety concerns at the Boat Harbour Primary School.
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272 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Royal Flying Doctors Commercial Travellers Scholarship Certificate Presentation was held at the Launceston Library on 21 February 2020.
- (2) Further notes that the Royal Flying Doctors Service is celebrating 60 years of service to Tasmania in 2020 and the awarding of the 60th scholarship program is to encourage young medical, nursing and dental students to pursue careers in rural areas.
- (3) Congratulates and acknowledges scholarship recipients Declan Hilder, Fayral Qureshi and Claire Mackintosh on receiving the Royal Flying Doctors Commercial Travellers Scholarships for 2020 and wishes them all the best for their future endeavours.
- (4) Commends the Royal Flying Doctors Service Tasmania and University of Tasmania on this initiative which helps support and grow our rural health workforce. (5 March 2020)

273 Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes safety is a top priority in the workplace.
- (2) Condemns the actions of protestors at forestry workplaces who could repeatedly limit a workers' fundamental right to a safe workplace and could prevent the manager or controller of the workplace from providing a means of entering and exiting the workplace without risks to the health and safety of any person.
- (3) Further notes that the actions of protestors on a dangerous work site can have tragic consequences, as we have seen in the death of an experienced logger in Lismore in 2013, his death being directly attributed to the protest activity on the site.
- (4) Calls on common sense in this situation to acknowledge the undue mental and physical toll these protests can have on workers and local communities. (5 March 2020)

274 Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the Gutwein Liberal Government is a strong supporter of the growth of sustainable salmon farming in Tasmania, our State's largest primary industry, which was worth an estimated \$838 million in 2017/18.
- (2) Further recognises this Government's commitment to a high level of biosecurity standards as well as the establishment of the Finfish Farming (compliance and monitoring) unit of the EPA.
- (3) Records Tasmania's environmental monitoring is world class with 100 per cent of leases conducting environmental monitoring and 94 per cent of benthic monitoring surveys being compliant.

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- (4) Notes that the majority of jobs in aquaculture are created in regional Tasmanian areas, with Petuna for example, supporting local economies in Cressy, Rowella, Macquarie Harbour and Devonport.
- (5) Further notes through the strict approval processes, community feedback requirements and an obligation of operators to conduct extensive environmental research, the Government is supporting industry to achieve a \$2 billion growth target by 2030.
- (6) Condemns the continued negativity by the Greens on the salmon farming sector which damages job prospects and the economic prosperity of these regions.
- (7) Acknowledges the commitment to Tasmania's fisheries sector for over 40 years by Peter and Una Rockliff and welcome the continued commitment of the Sealord group as they take full ownership of Petuna.
- (8) Congratulate the salmon industry on the 2018-19 scorecard snapshot which should give the community confidence that the salmon industry continues to grow sustainably and is managed through strong independent regulations and world class science. (5 March 2020)

275 The Minister for Energy to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that Hydro Tasmania's CEO, Steve Davy will step down when his contract ends later in 2020.
- (2) Notes that Steve Davy has been serving as the Chief Executive Officer of Hydro Tasmania for almost seven years, and has been with this important Government Business Enterprise for over fifteen years.
- (3) Further notes this is an appropriate time to recognise the efforts of Mr Davy who led Hydro through the energy supply challenge to being at the forefront of Australia's renewable energy transition.
- (4) Further notes the comments of Hydro Tasmania's Chairman, Grant Every-Burns' regarding Hydro under Mr Davy's leadership:
"Hydro Tasmania has laid the groundwork for our future success as a business, taking a bold vision for the role Tasmania can play in a renewable energy future and turning it into an actionable plan through the 'Battery of the Nation' initiative"
- (5) Thank Mr Davy for the commitment, energy and hard work he has brought to the CEO role for Hydro Tasmania.
- (6) Further Notes that Hydro Tasmania will engage an executive search firm to assist in the recruitment of a new CEO, to start following Mr Davy's departure later in 2020.
- (7) Further notes Hydro Tasmania through it 'Battery of the Nation' project is a key part of the Government's world leading commitment to double its renewable energy generation output by 2040, helping to transform Tasmania into the renewable powerhouse of Australia. (18 March 2020)

276 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the Deloraine Street Car Show was held on 16 February 2020.
- (2) Notes the 2020 Deloraine Street Car Show is the only street-based car show in Tasmania, drawing approximately 10,000 people to the town to enjoy the hundreds of pre-1988 vehicles on display, along with the live bands, children's entertainment and attractions created for families.
- (3) Further notes that these special interest vehicles are an historic link to our motoring past and can be appreciated as works of art, with many painstaking hours put into restoring and preserving these cars.
- (4) Acknowledges the support of the Gutwein Liberal Government for the event through a \$1,000 grant which I was pleased to help secure.
- (5) Observes that support of the community is essential in running such events with the Car Show being supported by at least 25 local businesses and organisations.
- (6) Further notes the proceeds raised on the day will support the Deloraine Apex Club, Deloraine SES, Deloraine Fire Brigade and Challengers Hotrod Club.
- (7) Commends the organising committee, Van Diemens' Street Rod Club and their sponsors on their efforts and commitment in again hosting a successful Car Show and wish them all the best as they prepare for the 2021 event. (18 March 2020)

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- (1) Notes that the Tasmanian Garlic & Tomato Festival initiated in 2015, was held on 15 March 2020 in Selbourne.
- (2) Recognises that the event, initiated by Annette and Nevil Reed on their farm in 2015, is quickly gaining a reputation as a must-go event for all those who appreciate good food, entertainment and learning.
- (3) Further notes that Tasmanian Natural Garlic and Tomatoes (TNG&T) have been growing heirloom tomatoes on their farm at Selbourne in Tasmania's Meander Valley since 2010. TNG&T, one of the largest growers of heirloom tomatoes in Australia, grows around 130 varieties each year.
- (4) Further notes that organiser Annette Reid was the winner of the 2014 Rural Women of the Year Award. Annette used her \$10,000 bursary to undertake a study tour to explore successful niche market tomato and garlic enterprises.
- (5) Commends Annette and Nevil, together with the organising committee for hosting this wonderful celebration of Tasmanian produce. (19 March 2020)

278 The Minister for Energy to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that Mures Tasmania recently received certification for Marine Stewardship Council and Aquaculture Stewardship Council Chain of Custody.
- (2) Notes that this certification not only provides seafood buyers with confidence that products can be traced back to a fishery that meets the Marine Stewardship Council Fisheries Standard it also provides consumers creditable assurance of the traceability of the supply chain back to a certified source.
- (3) Further notes that working to achieve this recognition requires a great deal of effort from the Mures family and team.
- (4) Further notes that Mures Tasmania is a fully-integrated, family run business and a Tasmanian seafood icon, and helps underpin the Tasmanian brand.
- (5) Further notes that Jill and George Mure first established Mures in 1973, and the business is now run by their son Will Mure, along with his wife Jude, and their three children Eve, Wilson and Jock.
- (6) Congratulates Mures Tasmania on this fantastic outcome. (19 March 2020)

279 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the 2020 Telstra Business Women's Awards have been announced today, 30 April 2020.
- (2) Notes that 2020 celebrates 25 years of these Awards. For a quarter of a century, the Awards program has recognised outstanding women, helped progress their careers and business ideas.
- (3) Joins with me to congratulate Margaret Williams, CEO of Media Park residential care facility in St Helens, who has been named the 2020 Telstra Tasmanian Woman of the Year.
- (4) Further congratulates all of the Tasmanian winners as follows:—
 - (a) Alison Flakemore, Director Alison's Garden and Landscape in Lindisfarne, is the Small Business award winner;
 - (b) Lisa McConnon, General Manager, Corporate Services Enwave Australia in St Leonards, is the Medium & Large Business award winner;
 - (c) Catherine Murdoch, Executive Director Northern Cities at Tas OCG, is the Public Sector & Academia award winner; and
 - (d) Rachel Vasicek, Creative Director at Francesca in Hobart, is the Emerging Leader award winner.
- (5) Understands that the state and territory awards ceremonies were scheduled to take place in March 2020. Thankfully, the awards themselves were still able to proceed, resulting in some very worthy recipients.
- (6) Thanks and congratulates all women who were nominated for the Awards who are demonstrating outstanding leadership in their fields, and who are transforming the way we do business in Tasmania. (30 April 2020)

280 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Pays tribute to the seven year legacy of the Launceston Airport outgoing General Manager, Paul Hodgen.

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- (2) Highlights the significant contributions Paul has made during his tenure. In particular, the overseeing of major infrastructure projects including the construction of a new entrance and car parks, the resurfacing of the runway and the reconfiguration of the terminal which has delivered improved screening facilities and an award-winning dining and shopping precinct.
- (3) Further highlights that under Paul's leadership, the Launceston Airport has been an award winning airport, winning gold in 2017 and 2018 in the Airports Association National Industry Awards and in the Tasmanian Tourism Awards in 2018 and 2019.
- (4) Recognises the contribution Paul has made in providing Launceston with an airport it can be truly proud of and one that is now recognised as a stand out regional airport.
- (5) Thanks Paul for his dedication to the aviation industry over the past 42 years and for his valuable contribution to the Launceston community during the past seven years. (30 April 2020)

281 Ms *Ogilvie* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Understands that COVID-19 has had a significant and devastating impact on the Tasmanian business community.
- (2) Recognises that Tasmania has the capacity to manage the health and safety of Tasmanians as well as building a pathway to recovery.
- (3) Agrees that economic recovery efforts should be led by Tasmanian businesses and supported by Government.
- (4) Further agrees that an economic recovery taskforce, led by business with an independent chair is essential to enable to Tasmania to recover as strongly as possible. (30 April 2020)

282 Ms *Ogilvie* to move—That:-

- (1) A Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers and records, to inquire into and report upon preventative health policies in Tasmania with particular reference to:—
 - (a) the progress of the Healthy Tasmania: Five Year Strategic Plan tabled in July 2016;
 - (b) the effectiveness of existing policies aimed at mitigating the health effects of key risk factors including obesity, smoking, alcohol, poor nutrition and low physical activity levels;
 - (c) new and emerging preventative health research, techniques, programs and initiatives successfully operating in other jurisdictions that could be effective in improving the health of Tasmanians; and
 - (d) any other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of six members, being: two from the Government nominated by the Leader of the House; two from the Opposition nominated by the Leader of the Opposition; one from the Tasmanian Greens nominated by the Leader of the Greens; and the Independent Member for Clark.
- (3) The Committee report by 28 February 2021 and should the House not be sitting, a report may be presented to the Speaker of the House, or in her absence, the Chair of Committees, any report so presented is taken to have been presented to the House and ordered to be printed. (30 April 2020)

283 Ms *Ogilvie* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the global pandemic has caused not just a health crisis, but also an economic crisis.
- (2) Acknowledges that it is essential that we consider what our economic future should look like.
- (3) Recognises that self-sustainability is critical for Tasmania.
- (4) Understands that Tasmania has an opportunity to look at all of our supply chains, to consider whether we are able to do better.
- (5) Further understands that too often we make a procurement decision based on price alone, but we know there is a substantial issue with modern slavery in supply chains that is not visible, but keeps price low.
- (6) Further recognises that exploitation may be detected in garment manufacturing, technology, solar, food and plastics inputs.

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- (7) Agrees that we have the opportunity to innovate and clean up our supply chains, to eradicate elements of exploitation, and to re-create a sustainable Tasmanian economy. (30 April 2020)

284 Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the COVID-19 epidemic has caused profound global economic and social upheaval.
- (2) Acknowledges the need for significant public and private investment after the global lock-downs are eased to aid economic and societal recovery.
- (3) Agrees a return to business-as-usual is neither possible nor desirable.
- (4) Further agrees there will be an opportunity to invest in socially, environmentally and climate positive industries.
- (5) Further agrees the growth industries of the future are in reskilling, restoration, reforestation and landscape repair; in sustainable design and construction; in resource reuse and manufacturing; in the caring sectors; in the arts; and in strong, effective public services that are well resourced and equitably delivered.
- (6) Further recognises the growing global momentum for rolling out Green New Deals as the economic stimulus measure needed to deliver essential environmental and social outcomes.
- (7) Commits to working collaboratively in the spirit of the emergency response to develop a post-COVID plan for Tasmania that is both sustainable and just for all Tasmanians. (30 April 2020)

285 Ms *O'Connor* to move—That:—

- (1) A Joint Select Committee, to be known as the COVID-19 Response Committee, be appointed with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House, to adjourn from place to place, and to report from time to time, to inquire into and report upon:-
 - (a) all matters relating to COVID-19;
 - (b) the Government's management of the COVID-19 epidemic; and
 - (c) any matters incidental thereto.
- (2) The number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the House be three, being: one nominated by the Leader of the House; one nominated by the Leader of Opposition Business; and one nominated by the Leader of Tasmanian Greens Business.
- (3) The Committee report by 30 June 2021 and should either House not be sitting, any report may be presented to either the President of the Legislative Council or the Speaker of the House of Assembly and any report so presented, is taken to have been presented to both Houses and ordered to be printed.. (30 April 2020)

286 Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House calls upon either the Honourable Member for Franklin, Hon. Nic Street MP, or the Honourable Member for Lyons, Hon. John Tucker MP, to resign from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation to cause a vacancy that may be filled by the Honourable Member for Clark, Hon. Cassy O'Connor MP. (6 May 2020)

287 Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes Tasmania's public forests belong to the people of Tasmania.
- (2) Acknowledges the leatherwood tree is found nowhere else in the world but Tasmania.
- (3) Recognises as the climate heats, vegetation dries out and fire becomes more prevalent in the landscape, with burnt rainforest or wet sclerophyll areas regenerating as dry sclerophyll.
- (4) Understands that the 2019 bushfires caused significant loss of leatherwood, severely impacting Tasmanian honey producers.
- (5) Further acknowledges that as a result of those bushfires, Sustainable Timber Tasmania (STT) signed an Memorandum of Understanding with beekeepers to protect significant leatherwood coupes from logging.
- (6) Further notes that Smithton apiarist, Rodney Smith, has had his honey resource and ongoing income impacted by the logging in coupe ME008B, which has continued despite the MOU signed by STT.

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- (7) Accepts that for the leatherwood honey industry to continue in warming climate and drying landscape, it needs the support of government and access to a secure, standing leatherwood forest resource.
- (8) Calls on the Minister for Resources and Primary Industries to not only recommit to the MOU with beekeepers to protect Tasmania's finite and dwindling leatherwood resource, but expand that to include an agreement not to burn logged coupes that contain any leatherwood. (6 May 2020)

288 Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes COVID-19 has dramatically affected the lives of Tasmanians, particularly in Braddon, through the quarantining of thousands of people, the deaths of 13 Tasmanians and the impact on retail business, tourism and hospitality, borders as well as from home isolation and the effects of social distancing.
- (2) Recognises the high level of compliance by Tasmanians to the 'stay home and save lives' message and the commitment and support for frontline workers including the ADF/Ausmat teams brought to Burnie to enable the deep clean of the two hospitals, re-establishment of services and delivery during the furlough of hospital staff.
- (3) Thanks all frontline workers for their contributions to the care and recovery of the State during these times but especially those who took on extra workloads as a result of the closures of the NW hospitals.
- (4) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Liberal Governments' focus on whole-of-state recovery including the steadfast and measured approach to managing the medical effects of COVID-19 along with the foresight to prime Tasmania for its economic resurgence.
- (5) Further notes the Governments emphasis on a return to economic prosperity by supporting a considered hibernation plan and rebuild.
- (6) Congratulates the Premier Hon. Peter Gutwein MP and the Liberal Government on their strength in leadership, decisive early response to issues and taking expert Tasmanian-specific advice. (6 May 2020)

289 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the International Day of the Midwife was held on 5 March 2020, which recognises and celebrates the important role midwives play and the essential care they provide in our community.
- (2) Further notes the 2020 theme is 'celebrate, demonstrate, mobilise and unite', which focuses on how midwives and women can partner together to mobilise and unite toward a shared goal of gender equality.
- (3) Acknowledges the vital and important work that midwives deliver every day, particularly the significant role they have in improving the health and wellbeing of Tasmanian women.
- (4) Recognises that the celebration is even more significant in 2020 as the World Health Organisation has designated 2020 as the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife.
- (5) Highlights the International Confederation of Midwives has called on Midwives to become gender champions within their communities and to become stronger partners with women, as protectors and defenders of women's rights.
- (6) Thanks all Tasmanian midwives for their dedication and commitment to Tasmanian women and the community at large. (6 May 2020)

290 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that Neighbourhood House Week is being held over 8 - 15 May 2020, with the 2020 theme focussing on Loneliness: the solution is community.
- (2) Notes that one in four Australians are lonely, and this is even higher in some age groups. As humans we thrive on social connection and companionship, when we don't receive this regularly we become lonely and this can have a negative impact on our mental health, physical health and overall happiness and sense of purpose in the world.
- (3) Further notes a quarter of Australians feel lonely on a regular basis, and similar statistics are being found across the world with experts now calling it the "loneliness epidemic".
- (4) Acknowledges the work that Neighbourhood Houses and Centres do across Australia, providing safe, welcoming and inclusive spaces for people of all ages and backgrounds

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to connect with communities, form friendships and become involved in community projects, programs and groups.

- (5) Encourages people who are feeling lonely or isolated to get in touch with your nearby Neighbourhood House or Centre, to have a friendly chat and see how you can get involved in the programs that are offered. (6 May 2020)

291 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Pays tribute to Neil Grose, the outgoing Executive Officer for the Launceston Chamber of Commerce.
- (2) Recognises the significant contribution Neil has made during his tenure, with his extensive business knowledge as well as his strong relationship building skills that have strengthened the Launceston business community.
- (3) Acknowledges that under Neil’s proactive and innovative leadership the Launceston Chamber of Commerce has successfully delivered important projects and campaigns that have benefited the city of Launceston in areas such as design quality in the built environment, inner city living, population attraction and skilled migration.
- (4) Further acknowledges the significant contribution Neil has made towards promoting strong economic growth including his contribution to the Launceston City Deal and through his role as Chairman of the Community and Business Advisory Group.
- (5) Thanks and congratulates Neil for his dedication to the Launceston Chamber of Commerce and Launceston business community over the past 3 years, and wish him well in his new role as Manager of Business and Economic Recovery at the Meander Valley Council. (6 May 2020)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*