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DISABILITY DAY CELEBRATES TALENTS

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Endeavour Foundation Ipswich last week celebrated the wonderful talents of local people with disabilities through Daisy for Disability Day.

They were joined in the celebration by Ipswich MP, Rachel Nolan.

As part of the day, Ms Nolan joined the Endeavour Foundation's Day Service at Thornton St, Raceview for morning tea before the people there embarked on a line dancing class.

She also visited Endeavour's Business Service at North Booval where workers with disabilities make a number of products for the Australian market.

"The Business Services Centre has been operating for over twenty years. Workers there use heavy machinery to produce a range of products like park benches and tables which are sold to councils and hardware.

"Endeavour provide a range of services including accommodation, real jobs and day respite for adults with disabilities in Ipswich.

"Daisy for Disability Day celebrates that work.

"There are thousands of people with disabilities living in Ipswich and if it wasn't for the work of organisations like Endeavour those people would struggle to find a valued place in the community.

"We need to do much more to value people with disabilities and to support them into real jobs and central place in families and in the community. We have come a long way since we forgot about people in institutions but, as a community, we still need to look at our attitudes.

"Endeavour's work, particularly at Business Services, is a great example of what people with disabilities can do."