



Speech by

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CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Mr BRISKEY (Cleveland—ALP) (10.19 a.m.): At 2 p.m. last Saturday afternoon I attended the dedication of a new chapel in my electorate, the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. This of itself is an important event. However, what made this chapel dedication even more important was the fact that it is part of the new Redland Hospital.

On 18 February, the new \$47m hospital was officially opened by the Deputy Premier, Jim Elder, and the Minister for Health, Wendy Edmond. A chapel was constructed as an integral part of the hospital development. The opening prayer at the dedication was delivered by the Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane, the Most Reverend John Bathersby and Reverend David Pitman, Moderator of the Uniting Church, Queensland Synod, gave a blessing for the new chapel. This blessing was followed by a reading from Isaiah by Reverend Greg Peckman of the Cleveland Baptist Church. The Most Reverend Peter Hollingworth, Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane, followed with a reading from the gospel and a sermon. The building, altar and communion vessels and linen were then blessed by Archbishop Bathersby, Moderator Pitman and Archbishop Hollingworth.

The chapel was constructed as an integral part of the hospital development because the Bayside District Health Service acknowledges that spirituality plays an important part in the healing process and there are times in everybody's life when prayer, being alone with one's thoughts, meditating or reflecting on a sad or a happy incident in a quiet place is important. The Chapel of the Good Shepherd is an important part of the Redland Hospital, but it is also a part of the wider Redland community. The dedication on Saturday was attended by most of the local clergy and many community representatives.

The altar was originally donated to the Maleny Catholic Church in loving memory of Olive Mary Williams and was presented to the chapel by her children, Paul and Susan, her mother, Catherine Rees, and her brothers, Garry, Lance and Noel. The credence table comes from Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cleveland. The altar linen was donated by Father Brown, the parish priest from Our Lady Star of the Sea and Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit residents and the altar candlesticks were donated by St Paul's Anglican Church in Cleveland.

I congratulate Noreen Owens, the senior chaplain, and Kate Saunders, the chaplain, and all staff of the Redland Hospital. The dedication of the chapel was an occasion that will long be remembered in the Redlands.
