



Speech by

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## **WINDSOR SCHOOL OF ARTS**

**Ms GRACE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (6.27 pm): There is no doubt that projects the size of Airport Link are going to bring about community, residential and environmental disruption. So it was particularly pleasing on Friday, 21 August to cut the ribbon tied across the entrance to the Windsor School of Arts located in its new home in Clark Park. I was joined by the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, Stirling Hinchliffe, local councillor David Hinchliffe, and Windsor and Districts Historical Society members Rita Butler, Rosalie Raciti, Beres McCullum, Jean Gray, Judy Willis and Joan Gregory, who all assisted in delivering this historic hall back to the community.

This beautiful building has long played a part in our local community, and its relocation to its new home in Clark Park will ensure that the Windsor School of Arts remains a community asset for many decades to come. It was great to have members of the project team present at the event, and I take this opportunity to commend them on a fabulous job putting the historical building back together. Not only have they returned the use of this building to the community but they have created welcoming surroundings by relocating healthy hoop pines from the airport roundabout as part of the project.

The Windsor School of Arts is the first of the improved local facilities, parks and cycleways that the community will enjoy once the projects are completed. We are committed to preserving the strong local heritage and cultural values of the Windsor area, and the re-opening of the Windsor School of Arts is a definite step in the right direction. It was especially pleasing to have the Carter family present at the official opening, as Bert and Barbara Carter were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary and had held their wedding reception in the School of Arts building. Needless to say, they were most impressed with the building's relocation and appreciative that the community will continue to be able to use this hall for many years into the future. They were more than happy to help cut the ribbon.

On schedule for a mid-2012 completion, the Windsor to Kedron route of the Northern Busway will create new bus stops, bus lanes and portals that will improve connections to and from the city. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the residents of the areas surrounding the Northern Busway and Airport Link projects. They have indeed been disrupted during the construction phase of this enormous project, and I wish to extend my sincere appreciation for their patience during this time. In particular, I have been assisting the residents affected around the Federation and Galway streets area and the general area around Windsor, and I assure them that I will continue to work hard to ensure that adequate mitigation strategies are implemented to assist them with living through these tough construction times.

It felt particularly good to give something back to the community, because I know the School of Arts will continue to be well used and enjoyed by the many residents and community groups around the area. This function was terrific. It was definitely a step in the right direction. Like all the residents around the area affected by this construction, we look forward to completion.