



Speech by


## Hon. Cameron Dick

MEMBER FOR GREENSLOPES

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### ANZAC DAY

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Greenslopes—ALP) (Minister for Education and Industrial Relations) (8.17 pm): This week marks the first parliamentary sitting week since the 96th anniversary of Anzac Day on 25 April 2011. As the son of a World War II veteran, I have always been highly conscious of the importance of Anzac Day. The immense sacrifices made on the fields of battle—not just at Gallipoli but in all the wars in which Australians have fought—have helped to preserve and protect our values and our nation. That is why Anzac Day will always remain one of the most important days on the Australian calendar.

This year I was fortunate enough to attend several Anzac Day services in the Greenslopes electorate. The dawn service at Greenslopes Private Hospital is always special. The hospital has been supporting our veterans for decades and continues to do so today. I was privileged to be able to deliver the address at the dawn service.

I would like to thank Ramsay Health Care's Lloyd Hill and Greenslopes Private Hospital staff members Frances McChlery, Amanda Staples, Peter Merry and Cassie Olley for organising a memorable ceremony. Special thanks must also go to Food Services manager Trevor West, executive chefs Peter Verheyen and Simon Spence and the catering team for the fantastic gunfire breakfast they prepared.

I was then honoured to speak at one of the important Anzac Day ceremonies in the Greenslopes electorate at the Holland Park-Mount Gravatt RSL sub-branch ceremony. I first attended the sub-branch march and ceremony as a cub scout with my dad about 35 years ago. This year, joined by my father, who will be 90 in October, my mother and my sister, it was a great honour to deliver the annual address at the ceremony. I would like to thank the sub-branch president Allan Hellier, honorary secretary Sonia Hellier and all the other sub-branch members for organising another memorable event. We were honoured to hear from Major Lionel Parker and Carina Salvation Army Bank and enjoyed a sausage sizzle from the Victor Street Holland Park Scouts.

I also wish to acknowledge all of the schools in the Greenslopes electorate that commemorate Anzac Day each year. I was able to attend the ceremony at Coorparoo State School this year along with Steve Blinkhorn, the CEO of Brisbane Legacy, and Mr Richard Jeffreys, the honorary secretary of the Coorparoo RSL sub-branch.

The Coorparoo RSL sub-branch also conducted another well-attended march and commemoration service. I say thanks to scouts Andrew Kinne and Madeleine Farrell from the Majestic Park Scout Group at Coorparoo who laid a wreath on my behalf. I must also extend my thanks to Roz Arnold from Chatsworth Florist at Coorparoo who supplied my magnificent wreaths for the Anzac Day functions.

Unfortunately, there was a distressing postscript to the day when vandals graffitied the Coorparoo RSL building. However, due to the hard work of the local police, including Camp Hill's Constable Julie Smith, the alleged offenders have been apprehended. On behalf of the Coorparoo RSL and the local communities, I thank Constable Smith and her colleagues for the great work they have done in helping to resolve this matter. I thank the Greenslopes community once again for keeping the memory of Anzac alive.