



Speech by


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## **REDBANK AMBULANCE STATION**

 **Mrs MILLER** (Bundamba—ALP) (6.08 pm): Paramedics were recently voted by the public as the most trustworthy profession in the community. People recognise these great men and women who undertake such a vital role in our society and do so with great diligence and care for their patients. They do a remarkable job—one that we should all be thankful that they undertake. So to stand up and be recognised amongst these great people is a remarkable honour, an honour that I am proud to say was bestowed upon the Redbank Ambulance Station in my electorate.

As the Queensland Ambulance Service celebrated its 21st year, it bestowed the honour of Regional Station of the Year to Redbank. The award's motto was caring, professional, dedicated. These three words clearly are wonderful adjectives to describe the fantastic men and women who are our great paramedics. On behalf of the community, I would like to personally congratulate Redbank officer-in-charge, Kev Crossingham, and the 21 dedicated paramedics at this station, who do such a remarkable job in our community. It is well deserved recognition of the work they undertake and the high standards that they meet. The staff have performed at the highest standards and work well with other allied health professionals to deliver a first-class quality service. They have a tremendous reputation in the community.

When I am out and about in the community people often remark to me what a great job they do. Most importantly, they do it with compassion and empathy. Their calm and courteous demeanour in some of the most stressful situations that workers can find themselves in is very much to their credit. They deal with a wide variety of situations from serious injuries in workplaces and car crashes, to people with chest pains, to domestic violence victims, to sporting injuries and serious illness. We all know how busy they are meeting the health needs of the community. They are always on the go helping, advising, caring and administering ever more complex medical procedures. This has built a strong reputation in our community, which recognises their efforts and the professional standard of their work.

They are ably assisted by the local ambulance committee at Redbank which also looks after the new station at Springfield. I would like to thank Aaron Broad, who is the president; Treasurer Graham Katz; and other committee members, Colleen Katz, Theresa Dimmers, Greg Broad, Clem Knight, Tracey Bradley and Steve Axe. The local ambulance committees do great work in supporting paramedics by promoting the service and its proper use as well as conducting fundraising for items to assist the paramedics to be the best they can be. The staff at Redbank Ambulance Station go above and beyond the call of duty in their job. They do so professionally and diligently in the pursuit of the best possible care for their patients. They deserve this award and the thanks and admiration of our community. Thanks and admiration must also go to our Labor government, because we rebuilt the Redbank Ambulance Station and we also built the new Springfield Ambulance Station. On behalf of our community, I say to our Redbank ambos: congratulations on a job well done.