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 **Mrs D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (3.00 pm): I rise to talk about some of the great events that have been happening in the electorate of Redcliffe recently. As all members would know, between 2014 and 2018 around this country many events will be held to commemorate 100 years since the First World War. On Tuesday of this week, the Brisbane North RSL district and the Redcliffe RSL sub-branch held a World War I centenary event at Jamieson Park, Scarborough. The event started at one o'clock on Tuesday. The event included displays of war animals, the Light Horse Association, the French Foreign Legion Association, vintage military vehicles, a TAVAS restored World War I plane, a QPA cannon that was fired at sunset, BattleFront Australis, Southern Cross Camels and a donkey.

I had the pleasure of attending the sunset ceremony on Tuesday afternoon. The MC was well-known poet Rupert McCall who is very much a Redcliffe local. He did an amazing job. The brigadier spoke beautifully. I have to say that it was a very moving ceremony as we watched the sun go down as the cannon was fired over Scarborough and Moreton Bay. I congratulate everyone involved in putting on that great event. Schools were involved. The displays were incredible. It was great to see that it was not just a ceremony, but a whole day where the community could come, have a look at different things, talk to a lot of the service men and women and hear about some of the history. We heard some very personal stories of people who had signed up even though they were younger than they were supposed to be, how they ended up volunteering and serving for our great country. I acknowledge all those wonderful people.

This year is the Australian Red Cross centenary. The local Redcliffe Red Cross asked me to plant a rose bush to commemorate those 100 years. I had the pleasure of doing that last Saturday. I thank the wonderful women who do so much even in peacetime, especially in times of natural disaster, to help with the Red Cross.

On Friday night, the young people of the Redcliffe Church of Christ had a winter sleep out to lift awareness on homelessness and to raise money for street swags, which we know are very important. It would be great if we did not have homelessness, but the reality is that we do. It is great to see young people stepping up and doing their part to lift that awareness.