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## ADJOURNMENT

### Redcliffe Festival

 **Mrs D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (9.24 pm): I rise to speak about a terrific event, the Redcliffe Festival, held on the Redcliffe Peninsula last weekend. The Redcliffe Festival—made up of the Spring Break Beach Party, the Redcliffe KiteFest LIVE concert, Redcliffe Remembers, the Jetty Fiesta and, of course, the Redcliffe KiteFest—ran from Friday evening through to Sunday afternoon. I wish to congratulate Our Village Foundation as the organisers of this event. I believe this is the biggest and best we have had so far. I also want to acknowledge David White and all the members of the Redcliffe Kite Club who continue to play an important role in the Redcliffe KiteFest. It is estimated that over 50,000 people attended across all events during the weekend. There were over 500 volunteers who worked on the festival with their earnings all going to community organisations in the region.

Feedback has been great. I had the opportunity to have a stall at the KiteFest all weekend raising money for Relay for Life for the Cancer Council. I spoke to many people who came from all over Queensland, interstate and overseas. Calculations so far are that the impact on the local economy could be close to \$6 million. There were over 165,000 page views for the festival website, with five per cent of web traffic coming from interstate and overseas promoting Redcliffe and Queensland.

This year was the 190th anniversary of the first European settlement in Queensland and the festival showcased this with the re-enactment of the historical event. We also had kite flyers attend the Redcliffe KiteFest from the USA, Canada, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand and from all over Australia. Redcliffe KiteFest is now Australia's largest kite-flying festival and we are proud to have it here in Queensland. I think one of the most popular kites for young and old was the toothless dragon from the *How to Train Your Dragon* movie.

Of course, these events cannot occur without major sponsors. I would like to thank the main partners: Our Village Foundation, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Network 10, Goa Billboards, *Redcliffe & Bayside Herald* and Village Motors. The Spring Break Beach Party was a concert for up to 18 year olds—a safe, fun concert for young kids. It had rides throughout the evening, but the main attraction was Justice Crew. KiteFest LIVE, for the adults, featured some of Australia's biggest acts, with Mark Seymour from Hunters & Collectors, Daryl Braithwaite and the Choirboys. On Sunday was the Fleetwood Mac tribute band. Many local community organisations, theatre and music groups also performed. I congratulate everyone who was involved in the Redcliffe Festival and I encourage people to attend next year's event. I particularly thank Shane Newcombe and Nette Griggs for all of their efforts with Our Village Foundation and what they do for the Moreton Bay region.