




Speech By
Hon. Cameron Dick

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ADJOURNMENT

Woodridge Electorate, Anzac Day

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (9.38 pm): My electorate of Woodridge is one of the most diverse and multicultural in Australia. Ours is a proud area where all Australian celebrations are taken seriously. As the member for Woodridge, it was an honour to attend Anzac Day centenary ceremonies at Logan Central in the heart of the Woodridge electorate—the dawn service, the march and the morning service. I want to thank President Ken Heard and the Logan and District RSL Sub-Branch executive for creating such memorable ceremonies. It was a privilege to be asked to deliver an Anzac Day address at the morning service. With thousands rising for the dawn service and attending the morning service, I was proud to stand alongside members of my community to remember the service men and women who have lost their lives, those who have been maimed and injured in the line of duty and those who continue to serve Australia today.

The local Indigenous and Maori communities had a special place in our Logan Central ceremonies, as they justly deserved. It was wonderful to see such a large number of young people from schools such as Kingston State College and Groves Christian College and from sporting clubs like the Logan Brothers Junior Rugby League Club involved in the Logan Central Anzac Day ceremonies. I have the honour of representing one of the most multicultural electorates and communities in Australia. There are over 200 different ethnicities and nationalities represented or living in the electorate of Woodridge. For over half of my constituents, English is a second language.

I was delighted to attend two Cambodian Khmer New Year festivities in April. The first event I attended was the Cambodian Buddhist Association of Queensland celebration of the New Year of the Goat on 11 April. I want to thank Mr Kim Limb and other members of the association who kindly invited me to attend. I then joined in celebrating the Khmer Buddhist New Year on 18 April at our magnificent Buddhist temple on Third Avenue in Marsden. I would like to thank Mr Sovannary Uk from the Khmer Buddhist Society of Queensland for inviting me to attend. I thank him and all members of the Cambodian community for the work they do in the Woodridge electorate.

I would also like to thank Mr Michael Po Saw and Dr Thein Htut from the Myanmar Friendship Association of Queensland with whom I celebrated the Thingyan and New Year festivals on 18 April. This organisation undertakes important work providing assistance to newly arrived migrants, promoting Burmese culture and heritage, and encouraging community awareness and support in the electorate of Woodridge and beyond. It is a privilege to serve such a culturally diverse electorate as Woodridge.