




Speech By
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Law Week

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (2.32 pm): I rise to thank all those community members, departmental staff and legal professionals who helped recognise Law Week 2015 last week. I also want to say what a pleasure it was to participate in the QPILCH legal walk—and I acknowledge that the shadow minister also participated in that walk last week—recognising the great work of our legal profession in providing pro bono services.

In relation to Law Week 2015, a lot of work went into the variety of public awareness campaigns, educational sessions and community outreach events that occurred. I would like to give a special mention to Whiskey, the trainee drug detection dog, who entertained the whole crowd in the mall and was probably the most popular one there last Friday.

All jokes aside, Law Week is a chance to recognise the contribution that the legal profession makes to the community and the importance services that the Department of Justice and Attorney-General provides to the Queensland public throughout all stages of their lives. I would also like to thank the member for Morayfield for his work in coordinating and driving events to celebrate the local legal profession.

Along with the member for Pumicestone, I was delighted to speak to legal studies students from grades 11 and 12 from Caboolture, Tullawong and Morayfield state high schools—which was hosted by Morayfield State High School—and to hear their questions about how they can pursue a legal career and contribute in their own way. We visited the Youth Justice Service Centre at Morayfield and spoke to the wonderful volunteer staff. We thanked them for the important work they do in helping to turn the lives of kids around. We met with representatives of the local legal profession to recognise the important contribution they make to the local community and to thank long-serving JPs, who do such a great job. Thanks again to the member for Morayfield. I very much enjoyed talking to local stakeholders about restoring integrity in our justice system and delivering our election commitments in the Justice and Attorney-General portfolio. I reiterate my commitment to being an Attorney who is accessible and who consults widely.