




Speech By
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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (6.53 pm): On Friday, 13 May it was my privilege to open as Queensland's Minister for Health the new Kooky Kid Clinic in Springwood. The Kooky Kid Clinic, which is located very close to the Woodridge electorate, will help children living with Tourette syndrome. The opening of the clinic was attended by the families of children and young people living with Tourette syndrome. It was also great to meet Robyn Latimer, the national President of the Tourette Syndrome Association of Australia, who was present at the opening.

I am pleased to say that the Department of Health was the major sponsor of the 2016 national Australian Tourette syndrome conference held in Brisbane on the weekend of 14 and 15 May 2016. Tourette syndrome is a neurological impulse control disorder which affects one per cent of the population. For many with Tourette syndrome it is the reaction of others to their condition that can cause the most suffering. The Kooky Kid Clinic is a place for these kids to process their emotions in a judgement-free and safe place. I want to thank all staff at the Kooky Kid Clinic—in particular, child and adolescent psychiatrist Dr Shannon Morton, whose passion and vision brought the clinic to life. I know the families in the City of Logan and the electorate of Woodridge will benefit greatly from this clinic.

As this House knows, this week is Under Eights Week. This 60-year-old event is a fantastic opportunity for schools across Queensland to celebrate everything great about kids eight years and under. In Woodridge this event has a very positive impact on our schools and its students. Yesterday, Thursday, 25 May, I visited the Marsden State School under eight event. It was a pleasure meeting Graham and Pam, long-serving volunteers in policing who were at Marsden State School to help students make badges. I greatly appreciate the work of volunteers such as Graham and Pam who give their own time to help the community and I want to thank them for their service to the electorate of Woodridge. As always, it was good to catch up with school principal Mr Kevin Leathwaite and deputy principals Ms Suzie Stathis and Mrs Chris Czislawski. I thank these school leaders for making the day so special for Marsden State School under eights. Tomorrow I will be visiting the Burrowes State School under eights day where I will meet with more children and parents and see more of the benefits this annual event provides to children in the Woodridge electorate.