




Speech By
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Woodridge Electorate

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (7.10 pm): The past few weeks have been full of good news for the electorate of Woodridge, and I am proud to share some of that news with the House today. Last Friday I visited Berrinba East State School to mark the 10th anniversary of the YMCA Schools' Breakfast Program. This invaluable breakfast program has supplied more than 2.5 million breakfasts to students with the aim of helping schoolchildren make the most of their education and to reduce the number of students disadvantaged by hunger and poor nutrition. This fantastic initiative was started by the late great Clem Jones AO. If there ever was a Labor legend, it was the former lord mayor of Brisbane, Clem Jones. I would like to pay tribute to him now for kickstarting this program in 2006 at five schools in the heart of the Woodridge electorate in the City of Logan, including Berrinba East State School.

I also want to put on the parliamentary record my thanks to other individuals and organisations who have contributed to this program over many years, including: Peter Johnstone, the CEO of the Clem Jones Group; David Muir, a board member of Foodbank Queensland; Ken McMillan, General Manager of Foodbank Queensland; Stan Bowes, Operations Manager for Tip Top, which is part of George Weston Foods; Daniel Mackay of Mackay's Marketing; Adam Brookes, Nathan Dodds and Diane Townsend from Coles Logan Central; Murray Watt, Managing Director of Management Options Pty Ltd; and Alan Bray, Gary Adsett and, in particular, Catherine Hannell, who all work for the YMCA. Catherine Hannell has supported this program and led the Schools' Breakfast Program for 10 years. In the 10-year period, with the backing of program supporters YMCA, this initiative has grown to support 88 schools across the south-east and is now providing more than 53,000 free nutritious breakfasts each month to more than 8,500 school students.

It is also my pleasure to inform the House that Logan Hospital's School Based Trainee Program has recently graduated its first cohort of students since the late 1990s—a milestone of which the hospital can definitely be proud and a program that I am delighted to support as the Minister for Health. I would like to see that program expanded. The seven successful school students were selected from 130 applicants to complete their certificate III, including 12 months of clinical experience at the hospital. I want to congratulate T'nyshe Fa'agase and Yean Te from Shailer Park State High School; Alexa Berry and Ella Firth from Trinity College; Mikayla Holyoake from Browns Plains State High School; and Kloe Schackow and Lydia Benea from Marsden State High School.

This program is run with the support of Metro South Hospital and Health Service, the Department of Education and Training, TAFE and the South East Health Pathways Alliance. I want to thank those groups for their contribution for creating education and employment pathways in health care for some of our youngest and brightest residents in the City of Logan.