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Duncan Chapman Memorial

 **Mr SAUNDERS** (Maryborough—ALP) (2.09 pm): I rise today to wish all women happy International Women's Day. I am so proud to be a member of this side of the House. We value the input of women and we greatly appreciate what women bring to the caucus and to parliament, so thank you very much.

If I mention the name Duncan Chapman, not many people in the House would know who he is. Duncan Chapman was the first man to step ashore at Gallipoli. In conjunction with the government and the Fraser Coast Regional Council, we are building a memorial in Maryborough to Duncan Chapman. At the moment Duncan stands there by himself. I would like to take this opportunity on International Women's Day—and it is very poignant—to pay tribute to two very strong women who drove this project. The first is Nancy Bates in Maryborough. Nancy was the editor of the *Fraser Coast Chronicle*. She was the first female editor of a newspaper in Australia and she is very good. Knowing Nancy and the affection that we have for her, there is no doubt that she not only broke the glass ceiling but punched her way through it.

Nancy started this project to push for the recognition of Duncan Chapman in Maryborough. She has a great committee behind her with Greig Bolderrow, the former of manager Sea FM and Mix FM. I worked with Greig when I did my breakfast show at the radio station. Greig was my boss. We called him the 'maestro'. He is very good man. Also on the committee is Jason Scanes, the manager of the RSL. Jason is a returned veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. What he has done to the RSL in Maryborough is nothing but magic. It is a very good committee which is led by a strong and determined woman who is putting things forward for Maryborough and it is great to see.

The other strong woman is the Premier. The Premier came up to Maryborough and had great discussions with the committee. The Premier and I walked through Queen's Park and had a look at where the Duncan Chapman memorial is going to be. The Premier has backed this project from day one—no ifs, buts or maybes. She knew how good this project would be for the people of Maryborough not only to recognise one of their own as the first person to set foot on Gallipoli but also to recognise its economic value. We expect to get up to 500 visitors a day to come and look at the memorial.

I would also like to thank Peter Killeen, who is the AMWU delegate, and all the workers at Downer Rail, because they are donating their time to do a lot of the manufacturing work for this project. I would like to thank Pete and the boys down there because they are very community based. Once again I would like to congratulate Nancy Bates, the chair of the Duncan Chapman Memorial Committee, and the Premier for getting behind this project and showing what can be done in regional Queensland.