



Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**


**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Woodridge Electorate**

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (6.03 pm): The City of Logan is one of the most culturally diverse places in Australia. In the electorate of Woodridge, one of the most multicultural electorates in Queensland, refugee and migrant women can experience disadvantage and multiple barriers to obtaining something that many Queenslanders take for granted—obtaining a provisional driver's licence and achieving car ownership.

Getting a driver's licence and owning a car not only enables women to have more independence in their daily lives, particularly refugee and migrant women, but it can lead to greater opportunities in education and training plus possible future employment. There is a great program underway in the Woodridge electorate led by Access Community Services in partnership with Transurban Queensland which is making a huge difference in the lives of refugee and migrant women in my electorate. Women at the Wheel assists refugee and migrant women in gaining the knowledge and the practical experience they need in order to gain a provisional Queensland driver's licence. I am very pleased that Transurban Queensland has contributed an additional \$25,000 to enable the program to continue for the next two years. I would like to congratulate everyone involved in this outstanding community service.

Not only are there good people doing great work for our community in Woodridge; there are also people giving back to children living in disadvantaged parts of the world. Year 8 students from Mabel Park State High School in Logan are assembling prosthetic hands for children who have been victims of landmine explosions. As part of their studies in engineering, science and technology, the students are participating in the Helping Hands Program, assembling prosthetic hands that attach to the limb of an amputee. Not only does this enable the recipient to regain their independence; the recipients are also able to continue their education, as they are once again able to write. It was great to see their success showcased on the ABC television news just last night.

I am sure this positive story lifted the spirits of many people in the Mabel Park State High School community who are grieving the passing of one of the school's recent students. Eighteen-year-old Richard Chu-Shing, a year 12 student, sadly passed away last week after a long battle with cancer. Richard graduated less than three weeks ago with his Queensland Certificate of Education and was the first student to graduate from the Certificate III in Aviation drone program.

I was privileged to attend the graduation ceremony for Richard held at his family home on Saturday, 25 August. I want to commend the principal of the school, Mick Hornby, a great community leader but also a great educator, and all of the staff of the school who arranged this graduation. It was wonderful to see Richard surrounded by his school friends at a wonderful afternoon that recognised his contribution to the school, his academic achievement and the great love and support that his family was providing him at a difficult time. I want to thank the school—a great community school that has a big heart and even bigger arms that are wrapped around our community, the students and Richard's family at this sad time.