



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR BROADWATER**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Broadwater Electorate**

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (2.55 pm): I am delighted to follow on this side the member for Bonney. He quite rightly made an excellent contribution about the Broadwater, as the neighbouring seat that he likes. I might say that it was an excellent event that he staged the other night. The three key points he articulated are the ones that have continually come through my electorate as well. They are the more frequent and more engaged dredging of the Broadwater, doing something about the houseboats that are not collecting their effluent and are sullyng a beautiful part of our city and dealing with the speed issues and the variations both ways. I commend him for that contribution.

The comments I want to make today are around the great and dynamic community of Broadwater that I represent. I have had some significant events occur in recent times in the schools that I have the pleasure of representing. I only have three schools in my electorate, but they are great schools.

Both the Biggera Waters State School and the Coombabah State School have staged excellent fetes in recent months. I place on record my heartfelt thanks to the respective presidents of the P&Cs, Mr Christian Hansen and Ms Bek Welsh. I had the great pleasure of meeting Ms Welsh's family the other day. She put both her mother and sister to work in the kitchen to prepare for the fete. The way the community came through to prepare for the fetes was nothing short of significant.

I also thank the members of the St Francis Xavier school community. The other day they engaged Dr Kristy Goodwin to speak to the parents about the need to make kids aware of social media, aware of their posture when dealing with it and aware of the things they are being exposed to. It is there and it is real. We must learn to engage with it. It was an excellent presentation. I was delighted to be part of it. I would recommend members of this House share with their schools the need to deal with something that is prevalent, is part of society and is of benefit to society. We need to educate our kids about it.

Finally, can I say how proud I was of the Runway Bay Seagulls the other night. The senior team won their first premiership in well over a decade. That is not the reason I am most proud of president, Graham Gleeson. I am proud of them because of the relationship they have with the community. The RSL, under the stewardship of Bruce Main, use that venue as their spiritual home. The relationship with Nathan Antonik and his juniors is like nothing I have seen before.

The other night they made someone a life member. The name of that person is Terry Shannon. I had the great pleasure of meeting Terry's parents, Nola and William. They told the story that as a young boy Terry was told that he would not live very long at all. He had some major complications. At 64 years of age, Terry has been made a life member of the Runaway Bay Seagulls. The entire community salute him. He is a fantastic man.