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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (7.22 pm): It has been a huge few weeks across the Redlands community. We have had the Southern Moreton Bay Islands Wellbeing Forum with Redland City Council and the state government coming together to look at the needs and services of these unique island communities. A huge congratulations to Dr Dave Scott who has been working tirelessly on getting organisations, departments and the community together and collaborating. We have had Thrive By the Bay to celebrate Mental Health Week and I give a big shout-out to the many community groups that participated, especially the Redlands Community Centre which is really kicking goals. They also hosted a World Homeless Day Dinner as part of their Homeless United program and it was such a privilege to share dinner and talk with those experiencing homelessness and those supporting pathways out of it. The Redlands Community Centre are also running Project Runway helping young Redlanders get the formal dress of their dreams. What a delight to spend the morning with some of our young people.

The Queensland Training Awards were held earlier this month and our Running Wild Youth Conservation Group were awarded Queensland Community Training Initiative of the Year, moving onto the National Awards in Sydney. We have everything crossed and are just so proud of the work they are doing to break the cycle of unemployment across our islands. We had the National Landcare Conference in Brisbane last week and a fringe event was held on Coochiemudlo Island. Delegates came to check out the amazing work of Vivienne, Graham, Heather and the Coastcare team. Steam weeding is a result of the Palaszczuk government's grant for groundbreaking equipment that is chemical free in its treatment of serious weeds. The delegates were impressed and were also shown some of the work being done in shore erosion management.

Last week I hosted the principals of my electorate in what will be an inaugural dinner to share knowledge and ideas and inspire collaboration. It was wonderful to have Minister Grace join me. It was a first and a fantastic opportunity for principals to get to know each other better and to forge strong relationships. Last week also saw the opening of the Dan Holzapfel Park. Dan is indeed a pillar of the Redlands Community and what a wonderful way to acknowledge a lifetime of achievement.

In fundraising for cancer organisations we are leading the way. Another big shout out to the Isle of Coochie Golf Club and Macleay Island Golf Club which raised over \$7,000 in a weekend with wonderful 'in the pink' events. I love a bargain and I have been at it again thanks to Wally Crooks and the guys at the Macleay Island Lions Club who also raised thousands of dollars for cancer research earlier this month with an 'all things bright and new' high tea and fashion parade. Mr Speaker, I think you will again agree that this is a beautiful jacket, like the one I purchased at the Redlands District Special School Op Shop, and it was again at the bargain price of \$2.

Redlands really does love a bargain and held the Biggest Ever Weekend Garage Sale raising vital funds for drought relief, an amazing combined effort by our Redland Bay Men's Shed, Rotary and Lions clubs. Together they raised over \$10,000 for drought relief. Our Redland Bay Men's Shed move into their new digs at Redland Bay and gave me a sneak preview. Thank you for all you do in our community. You really are doing great things. I am so privileged to represent our Redlands community. It really does punch above its weight when it comes to getting involved, particularly in fundraising for great causes.