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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (7.18 pm): Last Friday night I had the privilege of attending another wonderful school graduation. It was for the Redland District Special School. I have spoken a few times in the House about the wonderful work they do. It was on show on Friday night in spades. It was not only the incredible work of the students, teachers and support staff but also the partnership forged within our community.

I have spoken about Larry ‘the legend’ Cooper at the Redlands Research Station and the amazing renewables and agricultural research work being done at the centre. What I was surprised to learn on Friday night and honoured to acknowledge was Larry’s team of the ‘Daves’—Dave Flatley and Dave Olsen—who have partnered with the school to deliver work experience to students. They were nationally awarded for ‘embracing diversity and inclusion’ in this program. Partnerships in our community are so important and it really was wonderful to hear about all of the wonderful Redlands businesses supporting Principal Thompson and the Redland District Special School.

At Carmel College this week it was fantastic to finally resolve a long outstanding school drop-off zone issue with Principal Adair, the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Redland City Council and the Queensland Police. We are looking forward to 2019 when there will be a much safer school crossing for students. I thank the department and Minister Bailey for his support on this matter. The school community is delighted. Principal Adair was over the moon to finally resolve this.

Remembrance Day in the Redlands was indeed very special, marking the centenary of the signing of the Armistice. To commemorate the occasion, our Redlands RSL and Queensland Rail worked together to deliver the ‘troop train’ for the occasion. Service men and women from Gallipoli Barracks in Brisbane, along with our veterans, were carried on this special ‘troop train’ from Brisbane to the Redlands coast. On arrival, the troops were joined by the Redland City brass band and mounted Australian Light Horse members who marched to our Remembrance Day service at Anzac Memorial Park. It was a moving service that reflected on the efforts and sacrifice of so many Australian service men and women.

I attended a number of school ceremonies that were also lovely and ensure that we instil in our next generation those sacrifices made. I was disappointed to not be able to get to all of the ceremonies held at Salford Waters retirement village, Redland Bay, Macleay Island, Russell Island, Lamb Island and Coochiemudlo Island. I have heard what beautiful services they were. Next year I hope to attend a different one.

I hosted again *Bondi Rescue’s*—the world’s best life saver—Trent Maxwell, better known as ‘Maxi’. Across our schools he has been teaching workshops on water safety at the beach, learning how to identify rips and emergency preparedness. Bunnings have had a rush on smoke detectors in our area because the kids are going home and checking with their parents about smoke detectors.

Yesterday it was disappointing to hear about Foodbank. They have been servicing our Redlands' organisations and feeding families. I was relieved to hear of the big backflip by Scott Morrison and the federal LNP government today. Also, I give a shout-out to the Police Commissioner who was in the Redlands to launch the Foodbank appeal. We are going to get seven tonnes of food for Foodbank and we look forward to seeing them here at Parliament House tomorrow night.