




Speech By
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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (6.03 pm): It is a pleasure to rise and talk about my local electorate. In the brief time I have I will cover some recent events. I particularly thank the education minister but I must make special mention of the former education minister, Hon. Kate Jones, for supporting my advocacy for a replacement hall at Redcliffe State High School. Under the previous LNP government, they lost their hall and, despite the promises made to them, no funding commitment was ever made to replace it. I am very proud that a week or so ago I got to open that hall. It was not just a hall; it was a new admin block, new basketball courts, new sports shed and arts precinct. The school could not be happier. I acknowledge the PCYC, Hutchinson builders, the architects and everyone involved at the school in planning it out to ensure the school has the best facilities not just now but well into the future.

I was also thrilled that on 23 and 24 February, Redcliffe held the Rugby League 9s Commonwealth Championships in the lead-up to the Commonwealth Games. This is one of those enhanced 2018 events to help all our communities benefit from the Commonwealth Games. There were 11 nations, 17 teams and, for the first time, women's and physical disability teams as well. I congratulate the Aussies who took out all three categories as winners, but every player and team were winners. It was a fantastic event. We had a fair bit of rain that weekend, but it was a terrific event. I thank everyone involved—of course the Rugby League International Federation, Goldoc, Redcliffe Leagues Club, Redcliffe Dolphins, Redcliffe Village Motors and Moreton Bay Regional Council. This was great for our local economy. The teams were there all week and it was fantastic. It boosted our international reputation as a great place to visit.

Lastly—and this will not be the only time I speak about this—I recently had the opportunity to announce that the business case for the Scarborough barge, the Moreton Island barge, shows that it is feasible to go ahead and start up a vehicle barge service from Redcliffe peninsula to Moreton Island. We committed \$4 million in the election. We will build a rock wall and a road to support it. We will seek expressions of interest by 1 July this year. I really hope that there are operators out there eager to put in an expression of interest to operate this service. It will be great for the local economy. It will be a huge boost for tourism. I know that all the members on the north side welcome this. It is a fantastic announcement.