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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Redlands Electorate, Women**

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (6.16 pm): On behalf of my community, I give our thoughts and prayers to the families affected by the Christchurch tragedy. I know that their community has been severely impacted and our thoughts are with them all.

Last week, Redlands lost a very special lady in Jenny Clapham. She passed away in Turkey doing what she loved most: volunteering and serving others. On behalf of my Redlands community, we give our sincerest condolences to her daughter Helen, family and friends. I know that she will be deeply missed.

In March we saw celebrations across the state of Queensland for Women's Week and International Women's Day. The theme this year was 'Invest in women, invest in the future'. There were fantastic events across the Redlands. The Redlands Centre for Women hosted 500 locals for high tea at Sheldon College. We heard from inspiring Redlands artists who are excelling on the world stage—Delvene Cockatoo-Collins, Quandamooka woman and designer of the Commonwealth Games medals, and of course the game's opening centrepiece Migaloo, and Maryann Talia Pau, founder and creator of the One Million Stars to End Violence movement. These women invest in their communities and our communities are yielding those dividends.

The Women's Network Australia also launched in Queensland Women's Week on our Redlands coast. The night was fantastic and saw over 100 Redlands coast businesswomen come together to share stories and ideas and create opportunities. There is nothing more powerful than women investing in women and that is just what the WNA achieved. I thank the Women's Network Australia CEO, Janelle Bostock, for championing our region and investing in our women in business.

TAFE conducted a try-a-trade day, and that was just awesome. There were lots of young women and senior students from across Redlands high schools. They rolled up their sleeves and had a go at electrical, plumbing, carpentry and bricklaying works. I had a go with some of the cement as well and found that I had new-found skills in bricklaying. To Barry, Allan, Lee and the teaching staff of TAFE, I continue to be inspired by your work. Our Queensland government is a great supporter of TAFE and women in that space.

Zonta Club of Wynnum Redlands had a great dinner. I was joined there by Senator Claire Moore. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the profound contribution, the decades of investment in women, that Claire has made. She has invested in women across Queensland, across Australia and indeed across the world. She is a powerhouse and has been a pioneer for women in Australian politics. She is a role model for all women and has been part of the significant change we have seen women make in politics today. Claire has been a member, chair, president, vice-president, ambassador, patron and so many other roles across numerous organisations, committees and groups; it is really hard to list them all. Needless to say, her work always has been centred around advocating and, importantly, investing

in women. Senator Claire Moore is about to embark on a new chapter that I know will continue to be full of investment in women. Every week we should remember that investing in women is investing in our future.