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ADJOURNMENT

Redlands Electorate, Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (7.03 pm): May in Queensland marks Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month to raise awareness of domestic and family violence prevention and to send a clear message that violence of this sort will not be tolerated. Last sitting week I had the privilege of joining our amazing Minister Farmer, the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, at a function with the corporate community to discuss the multipronged strategies required and the diverse stakeholders and efforts required to strive to change the ending for our families who experience domestic and family violence.

In the Redlands we are so incredibly lucky to have such amazing organisations working so hard in the prevention space, and tonight some of them are here, joining with me to attend the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month parliamentary reception. I would like to thank just some of those Redlanders. We have Stacey Ross and her team from the Centre for Women and Co. here. They provide fantastic wraparound services and supports for women in our community. We have Katrina Beutel, who has been at the forefront of working with women in my Redlands community. She was the founder for the Centre for Women and Co. and has done a fantastic job. She is now working closely with Stacey Ross.

Betty Taylor is also amazing. Her dedication to the prevention of domestic and family violence and her work around strangulation and the prevention of that for women has been incredible. I strongly urge members to go to the Red Rose Foundation website and check out their work. They have a fantastic production called *Deadly Romance* that articulates the journey of Jacque Lachmund and her experience. I highly recommend it to everyone in the chamber.

Ange Hill and Judith Trevan Hawke of Zonta and all Zontians in my area do amazing work every day on the ground supporting women in my community. Rosemary Skelly and Valda Carrington from Maybanke are also here tonight. They run an amazing crisis shelter accommodation for women in my community. It was fantastic to be able to announce two months ago, with Minister de Brenni and Minister Farmer, the expansion of accommodation out there. Over \$1 million is being invested in my community for that, along with the necessary wraparound child support workers.

In the last parliamentary sitting week we had the Queensland Cancer Council's 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' launch. We had two morning teas in my community. The team at Tranquil Waters and Yvonne Murray are fantastic—the scones with jam and cream and the funds raised were incredible. Renaissance Retirement Living and the team there, together with our Redlands branch of the Cancer Council, raised over \$7,000 at their morning tea—a sterling effort. This is the second year running that our Redlands branch has been the leading fundraiser in Queensland. Tish Henderson and Pam Tranter do an absolutely fantastic job in making sure that we strongly support our community.

Also, it was Meals on Wheels' 45th birthday last week—45 years of supporting our seniors' community with meals.

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