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## ADJOURNMENT

### Redlands Electorate, Volunteers

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (1.55 am): Volunteers are at the heart of my Redlands community. Winston Churchill said—

You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give.

It was wonderful to celebrate National Volunteer Week, with this year's theme being 'Making a world of difference'. That is what our volunteers in the Redlands do: they make a world of difference. The week was made even more special in the Redlands with the Premier joining me and the member for Capalaba, Don Brown, to say thank you to many of our organisations. It was a wonderful afternoon and such a great opportunity for all our volunteers to get to know each other and share the great work they do in our community each and every day.

I want to go through the diversity of volunteers, because it was staggering to have them all in the one room. We had sporting groups of every code—from footy through to netball, sailing and boating. We had our hardworking school P&Cs, seniors groups, Rotary, Lions, Meals on Wheels, STAR Transport, resident and progress associations, men's sheds, dementia prevention, mental health and suicide prevention support groups, domestic violence prevention groups, the Night Ninjas, Volunteers in Policing, Crime Stoppers, our arts and creative alliances, bands, choruses, our museum, Coastcare, Bushcare, Guides, Scouts, Venturers, gardening clubs, Volunteer Coast Guard, Volunteer Marine Rescue, rural fireys and local ambulance committees. There are so many amazing Redlands organisations.

We also heard from some incredible individuals who talked about the importance of volunteering in their organisations: James Farrell, the general manager of the Queensland Cancer Council—our Redlands cancer council do an amazing job; Betty Taylor, CEO and founder of the Red Roses Foundation; Volunteering Redlands chair Nectaria Chronopoulos; and the incredible Garry White, chair of the Victoria Point Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

I want to close with a poem written by Garry particularly for the event. He spent a heap of time googling and finding words that rhyme with 'volunteer'. It reads—

We group together ... to volunteer We stand shoulder to shoulder ... Peer to peer

We stick together, we adhere And when we do ... we show no fear

When times are tough ... we shed a tear Then band together ... on a new frontier

So many of us here ... volunteer Time and again ... year after year

We are as one ... not just a veneer We form a fabric ... we deeply cohere

Some volunteers ... make it their career Others appear ... then disappear

For me I think, it's very clear We're here to give a hearty cheer

In a community that we hold so dear We cannot help ... but truly revere

With heartfelt thanks ... most sincere From pioneer to engineer

You love the feel ... the atmosphere When you give of yourselves ... to volunteer

To all the volunteers that day he gave his heartfelt thanks for making the Redlands coast a fabulous place to live. I do not think I could have put it any better; there is no better place to live than the Redlands.