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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (7.27 pm): There is great news coming out of Redcliffe that I want to tell this parliament about, but before I do I want to start with quite a sad message. I give my condolences to Ryan and Cassie Elson and their children, Laney and Zac. Their 18-year-old son, Jake, had been fighting a battle with chordoma, a rare form of bone cancer, for 14 months. He passed away in his sleep on 24 January, which was the kindest way the family could think of him going. He said goodnight to them. He said he was going to have a good sleep that night and he passed away. I want to acknowledge that Jake was an incredible young man. In the *Redcliffe Herald* recently his dad said—

He fought with quiet strength, never letting anyone else feel bad if he could help it.

The article states—

His mum said that he remained optimistic, no matter how bad the prognosis was. 'He was beautiful. He embraced life,' she said.

The community had a fundraiser for Jake last year and with the \$33,000 that was raised they were able to tick off a few bucket list items and take Jake around and do incredible things in those last few months. Our thoughts are with Ryan and Cassie; Laney, his older sister; and Zac, his twin brother, at this very difficult time.

Good things are happening in Redcliffe. The temporary car park at the Redcliffe Hospital is completed. It is at the showgrounds. It will provide 260 parking spaces. It is targeted for use by day shift staff only, with patients and visitors to continue to park at the hospital campus at the moment while work has commenced on the new multistorey car park at Redcliffe Hospital. I want to thank the Moreton Bay Regional Council and the Redcliffe Show Society for helping establish this temporary car park.

We have started construction on the Hornibrook Esplanade pedestrian upgrade. More than 20,000 vehicles travel on the Hornibrook Esplanade every day. People are trying to cross over four lanes to get to the beautiful waterfront that we have. We are now going to have a signalised pedestrian crossing there which is great news. The Palaszczuk government has invested \$690,000 in this project.

Lastly in terms of accessibility parking at Kippa-Ring train station we have moved the disabled parking. It has cut 300 metres off the distance for commuters. This is a great commitment of and delivery by the Palaszczuk government for the Redcliffe community.