




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (7.27 pm): I wish to congratulate two local legends who serve my community daily and have been named in the Queen's Birthday 2019 honours list. Sean Gordon, from Clontarf, was awarded an OAM for his community projects in the region, including SchoolAid and Tukkr, which aims to provide schools with a profitable tuckshop whereby quality food is delivered to schools from Johnson caterers. I understand that Sean is hoping to scale his new business to a national level. For 18 years Sean was a principal in four schools across Queensland and New South Wales and was involved in the SES as a team leader during the Thredbo landslide.

Teresa Powell was awarded an Ambulance Service medal for more than 30 years of service to my community. Currently, Teresa is the officer in charge at the Redcliffe station. Teresa started her career with the Queensland Ambulance Service as a paramedic in 1989 at the Sandgate station. I say well done and thank you to Sean and Teresa for their service to my community.

I have listened to the member for Sandgate talking about wonderful events that are coming up in his community, but I want to say to everyone that, if they have no plans for this weekend—or even if they do, ditch them—because the Redcliffe KiteFest is on. This is a very big event that attracts tens of thousands of people.

Mr Hinchliffe: I might even cross the bridge for that.

Mrs D'ATH: I take that interjection. The member for Sandgate may even cross the bridge. He will be joined by thousands of families from across South-East Queensland this weekend to KiteFest and to welcome a very special guest. People gather at KiteFest to look at the incredible kites. Usually, there are also international stunt flyers and everything else. There are food trucks, amusement rides and live music. This year, a global sensation will join KiteFest, Baby Shark. For those who do not have young children or grandchildren and are not familiar with Baby Shark, the children's song has reached—

An honourable member interjected.

Mrs D'ATH: No, I would not do that. I would do a lot of things but not that. The children's song has reached just under three billion viewings on YouTube.

This year, at the Redcliffe peninsula we expect KiteFest to attract a bumper crowd. This is great for the local economy of Redcliffe. It is great for tourism for the region. I encourage people to go along. I am pleased to say that this year it will be safer to attend KiteFest as well, because the Palaszczuk government has funded a new pedestrian signal crossing on Hornibrook Esplanade across from the Drowned Rat Espresso Bar. That is going to make crossing that road so much safer. I have watched mums with prams and young kids standing in the middle of four lanes trying to dodge traffic to get to KiteFest. Now, this signal crossing making will make crossing that road so much safer. The Palaszczuk government listened to the community and delivered this wonderful infrastructure. I say to members to please come along to the KiteFest and enjoy the Redcliffe peninsula this weekend.