




Speech By
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Redcliffe Electorate

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (7.30 pm): Tonight I rise to talk about my wonderful electorate of Redcliffe. I start by congratulating Troy Fernandez, who has put himself forward to run for division 5 in the Moreton Bay Regional Council election next year. The member for Bancroft and I were fortunate enough to attend and be a part of his launch. Troy is someone who was born locally, has grown up locally, has attended school locally and is now raising his own family locally. He lives in and loves the local community. Even as a teenager he was recognised for his commitment to the community through the Petrie Citizenship Award for Community Service and also the Redcliffe City Young Citizen of the Year Award. I know that if elected he would be a fantastic representative of the people of the Redcliffe peninsula and Deception Bay. I wish him all the best in his campaign going forward, because we need someone locally who will put the people before the politics, and I know Troy will.

I also congratulate the Zonta Club of Redcliffe which put on their annual fundraiser Night of Hope last Saturday night. I had the great pleasure of going. It was a fundraiser for endometriosis research through QIMR Berghofer. I thank them for their incredible work to empower women and the important fundraising event that they held for this research.

I also want to say how excited I am that the Redcliffe Hospital car park is now under construction. The fencing is up, the bulldozers are there and work is underway. We are so excited. I acknowledge metro north health and Redcliffe Hospital who the whole way along have brought the community with them. They have had continual information sessions to inform the community of what is going on and have alternative parking arrangements in place. I thank them for how cooperative they have been and how much they have listened to the community.

I also acknowledge everyone who attended my community grants information evening a couple of weeks ago. Over 65 representatives from different organisations came along. They heard about the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, they heard about sports and recreation grants and they also heard about grants from the Moreton Bay Regional Council. It was terrific to have that event. I was pleased to remind people that there are five rounds a year for the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. The guidelines are changing and the new guidelines take effect for the next round in January next year. I ask all members to bring that to the attention of their communities. Once again I am so proud to be the member for Redcliffe and proud of the great work that is happening locally.