




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (6.28 pm): It is always a privilege to rise in this chamber as the member for Redcliffe, not only to represent my constituents but to talk about the wonderful community of Redcliffe. I am pleased that Queenslanders—in particular, the Redcliffe community—have pulled together to make sure that we work to unite and recover through COVID-19 and to not only practise COVID hygiene measures, such as washing hands and keeping us safe by practising social distancing and also staying home when they are sick, but also rally around each other and support local businesses and restaurants.

I am very thrilled that over \$2.6 million of grants and funding will go into our community to not only support our local schools, businesses and community organisations but also support jobs as we continue to unite and recover. I am advised that over \$1.63 million will be provided to our Redcliffe schools for upgrade and capital works programs, not only revitalising our students' learning spaces but also providing job opportunities for local builders and tradies. Some highlights include the refurbishment of the Clontarf Beach State High School gym and sports courts and upgrades to outdoor learning spaces at Kippa-Ring State School. Over \$800,000 of small business adaptation grants has been provided to nearly 90 businesses in the Redcliffe community to support them adapt and change their business models and way of doing things due to COVID-19.

While there are too many to mention, I give a quick shout-out to Nick and Virginia Tzimas and the team at the Golden Ox at Margate; the Bramble Bay Bowls Club and Sports Club at Woody Point; New Image Kitchens and Joinery in Clontarf; and the fantastic folk at the Coffee Club at Kippa-Ring who are just some of the small businesses receiving these grants. When I speak to these small business operators right across the Redcliffe Peninsula they are so thankful and grateful to the community and to the government. Every single one of them said to us they welcomed the decision of the Premier on the borders and many asked that I personally thank her for that decision which has allowed our economy to continue because we are taking such strong measures to control outbreaks of COVID in our communities.

There are 12 deserving community organisations and not-for-profits that received funding from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, sharing in over \$230,000, including Deaf Sailing Queensland, Clontarf Beach State School, Clontarf Beach State High School and our very own Peninsula and District Football and Sporting Club, better known as Peninsula Power—and congratulations to them for winning the men's game against the Roar in their first home game the other week. I give a shout-out to 99.7 Bridge FM through Moreton Media Group which also received a grant and to Travis. Travis is trying to get more followers, so please get on to Travis's Twitter and Facebook and follow him so that he can get to double digits.