



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR REDLANDS**

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Redlands Electorate**

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (7.11 pm): Following on from the member for Capalaba's contribution, on the adjournment last sitting week I asked: what was Redland City Council going to do? You cannot be a bystander on this issue. The standard you walk past is the standard you are prepared to accept. This is not a standard of behaviour anyone in our community should accept of an elected representative.

Redlands recently lost a stalwart of our community in Brian Osland. I would like to extend my sympathies to Deb Osland and her family on the passing of Brian. His contribution to our community was significant in so many ways but particularly through our Faith Lutheran community and also through footy. He loved his footy. He had a deep passion for our mighty Redlands Bombers. Brian was an incredible Redlander and he will be sadly missed.

In my last contribution on the adjournment I spoke about the youth crime forum. It was held last Monday in the Redlands. It was fantastic. It was extraordinarily well attended. I want to thank the speakers who came. Inspector Lindsay Kilpatrick was terrific in giving local knowledge and updates on the statistics of crime in our area. I also thank Assistant Commissioner Scanlon. I know that we are in good hands going forward to improve outcomes in youth crime with her lead role on the task force. She shared what she will invaluablely contribute to improving the situation going forward. I also thank Michael Drane, the leader in youth justice reforms from the department. It was a great night. I want to thank my community. Their valuable questions and contribution on the night show that we can all work together to make our community stronger and safer.

Lastly, as we head towards Anzac Day this year, I want to make special mention of my constituent Mr Herb Shapcott. Herb is 94 and was a member of the Australian armed forces in the British Commonwealth Occupation Force, notably at Hiroshima. Herb recounts really amazing stories of his time in the armed forces. A few months ago he brought to my attention an important issue—the recognition of 69 BCOF servicemen on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial. Time has been of the essence to remedy this recognition. They are all in their mid-nineties.

I would like to thank the member for Aspley, Bart Mellish; the federal member for Blair, Shayne Neumann; and the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Darren Chester, for working with me to ensure that we acknowledge their contribution and the contribution of all BCOF service men and women in our community. They have been working together again with Herb. He cried when he read the letter from Mr Chester. The importance of the recognition for the other men he served with in Japan is extraordinarily important. I want to thank the member for Aspley for helping me get that underway. It was really appreciated and that recognition goes a long way.