




Speech By
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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (7.04 pm): There has been a lot happening in Redcliffe since we last sat. Media business trailblazer Ita Buttrose AC, OBE spoke at the Business Moreton Bay Region's speakers series. She spoke of her leadership throughout the years and her journey in a traditionally male dominated industry. She described problems as opportunities and was always looking for the positive about her situation. Those are strong words to live by. I thank the Moreton Bay Regional Council and the Moreton Bay Region Industry & Tourism for hosting event, which was the first in their series for 2021. It is wonderful to see those events happening again and that is because of the way that the Palaszczuk Labor government has handled COVID-19 and kept us safe.

We have some amazing female leaders in our Redcliffe community, including Amy Mayes, the executive manager of the Redcliffe Area Youth Space. Amy and her team do an amazing job working with young people in our community, particularly disengaged youth. I take my hat off to her for her skills, drive and passion. I also acknowledge her amazing team and the work that they do each and every day.

Marlene Newcome is a successful local businesswoman and the managing director of Village Motors, which is extremely supportive of many of our local community groups and the major sponsor of the Redcliffe Dolphins, of course. I see my friend at the back, the member for Kurwongbah, nodding his head in agreement. I acknowledge Shona McKinlay, who is an amazing educator. She is the head of one our region's largest state schools, Redcliffe State High School. I acknowledge Shona's incredible passion for education and the great work that she has done over many years. I also recognise her advocacy for much of the investment in that school.

Captain Kerry Lopez is the owner of Brisbane Whale Watching, our region's very successful tourist organisation. For two seasons my whale-watching trip has been cancelled because of bad weather, so I really hope that I get there this season. It is always an incredible experience. I know that the member for Stafford went last year with his family and had a great time. Koliانا Winchester has retired from the Moreton Bay Regional Council but that has not stopped her. She is still out and about and is an active member in our community. Those are just some of the wonderful and inspiring female leaders in our community but there are many more. During Queensland Women's Week we salute you.

In more exciting news, COVID-19 vaccinations are coming to Redcliffe. Subject to supplies being received, the Redcliffe Hospital will commence administering the COVID vaccination to the hardworking frontline health workers in our region. This is an exciting step forward. I take this opportunity to encourage all members of our community, when the time comes and they get the call-up, to roll up their sleeves and get the COVID vaccination. The more people in our community who are vaccinated against COVID-19 the better. I will be the getting the vaccine when the time comes and I encourage everyone in our community to do the same.