



Speech By  
**Hon. Yvette D'Ath**


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Redcliffe KiteFest; Coronavirus, Vaccination

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (6.27 pm): Redcliffe, in particular Clontarf, was the place to be last weekend, with the wonderful Redcliffe KiteFest in full swing—an event that had to be cancelled last year because of COVID-19, but it was back with gusto and spirit in 2021. This annual event is a marvellous opportunity for locals and, more importantly, people across Queensland to descend on the mighty Redcliffe Peninsula to enjoy a great day out. This two-day event attracted over 30,000 people over one weekend. There is not one other state or territory on the entire east coast of Australia—mainland—that could hold an event at the moment because they are all in lockdown, but we held an event that had 30,000 people.

Importantly, it supported our local businesses, our tradies and our stalls. Amazing kites were flying in the sky. It was a delight to see flying whales, dolphins, sea creatures, large colourful kites and even a flying dog. There was a kite to excite everyone. One of the most popular attractions, though, was not a kite. It was on the main stage. Children were thrilled to be entertained by our very own Queenslander Bluey. Boy, did they come out in numbers to see Bluey.

On the Sunday the Deputy Premier, who represents the neighbouring electorate of Murrumba; the Chief Health Officer, Dr Jeannette Young; and I descended on KiteFest to give our COVID-19 update live. It was fantastic. The images were beamed across Queensland and around Australia and displayed that Queensland is open and that people are able to get out and about and enjoy our sunshine due to the strong response the Palaszczuk government has made to keep Queenslanders safe from COVID.

This event was an economic boon for our community and visiting stallholders. I put on the record my thanks to Moreton Bay Region Industry & Tourism. Chief Executive Officer Shane Newcombe and the MBRIT team did an incredible job and do an amazing job putting on festivals right across the Moreton Bay region.

In other great news, the Kippa-Ring vaccination hub at the old Village Motors site is open as part of the blitz this weekend. If you have not been vaccinated yet, rock up this weekend—Saturday and Sunday—to the peninsula site at Kippa-Ring. Of course, we also have the mass vaccination centre at Boondall. It is open for walk-ins this weekend. If you have a booking, please still come for your booking; we are also taking walk-ins. For the first time, if you are aged 60 or over you can come to one of our Queensland Health community hubs to get vaccinated. We know that people want choice of vaccine. They want to be vaccinated. Let's give them that opportunity. Please come out in numbers, Redcliffe. We know you will. Get vaccinated this weekend.