




Speech By
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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (2.21 pm): Mental health matters, and we have been focused on improving the mental health of Redlanders. I have been working with a number of organisations and we have developed a piece of information that will be handy for them to have, and that will be hitting their letterboxes soon. I want to thank all of the organisations that have been working with me to put this together so we can share that important information.

I also want to thank the organisations that will be participating in our community and wellbeing day on Macleay Island. We have had some tragic incidents this year of young men suiciding, and we really hope this day helps to bring the community together and provide them with information that will help them access services. It will be good to have this strong community day together. All of the organisations—particularly the Redlands Suicide Bereavement Group, the Redlands Coast Suicide Prevention Network and headspace Capalaba—have been fantastic in helping to bring next Saturday's event together.

I want to give a shout-out to David McAnalen from Relationships Australia who came out to visit. He will also be joining us at the community day. His story is very powerful. He works with Relationships Australia in the gambling support area. I want to thank him for coming in and sharing his story and sharing all of the great work that he is doing, not only in the Redlands but also right across Queensland. I thank him for that.

I am very proud to have the YMCA youth vocational school and community hub in my electorate in Victoria Point. I want to give a huge shout-out to Chris Richards, who is the community coordinator there. They are also focused on creating a stronger community. We have a Youth Wellness Festival coming up on 21 September where there will be a whole range of organisations with a very big focus on our young people. I thank them for all that they are doing.

We have an event from 23 September to 3 October which is not to be missed. The Tide Festival will be running over a number of days across the Southern Moreton Bay Islands. The biggest event will be the Karragarra Sea Market. On a good day, provided it is not raining, I have seen thousands of people converge on this tiny island. They have put together a huge action-packed program. We have a bit of a coup at that event with the Festival of Small Halls which will be showcasing for the first time in South-East Queensland. That will be terrific. The sunset opera on the bay will also be absolutely fantastic

To Jeremy Staples, who is working really hard coordinating all of these events, and to Shane Rendalls from the Southern Moreton Bay Islands Chamber, thank you for all that you are doing to bring this amazing festival to the Redlands. It is something our community is extraordinarily proud of. I cannot wait to see the five-day extravaganza of all things art and culture.