




Speech By
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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (6.03 pm): I want to talk about a couple of local events in my community. With the first, I give a huge shout-out to Shane Newcombe and his team at Moreton Bay Region Industry and Tourism for putting on the Moreton Bay Food and Wine Festival on the Redcliffe Peninsula recently. With the last two years being cancelled because of COVID, this was much anticipated for everyone and no-one was disappointed. Tens of thousands of people came along. It supported a lot of local businesses right across the region, and it was an amazing event. This event is going to grow and grow in popularity over the coming years. Well done to the team at MBRIT.

Last week the inaugural Housing for Happiness Gala was held at the Redcliffe Leagues Club in support of Redcliffe's very own Chameleon Youth Housing. Chameleon Youth Housing has been operating for 33 years locally and is a not-for-profit that specialises in homeless services supporting young people between the ages of 16 and 25. The event was attended by more than 180 members of the community, along with representatives from the New Zealand Warriors and the new NRL franchise, the Dolphins, and other supporters. It was hosted by Ausbuild. The event exceeded expectations by raising \$103,950, and this will go a long way to realising Chameleon's goal of building an additional share house for young people in the Moreton Bay region.

I would like to join Carmel from Chameleon Youth Housing and her team in thanking MBRIT and Ausbuild for making the event possible and for the support of the Vodafone Warriors and the Redcliffe Dolphins. I would also like to thank the Redcliffe community who got behind Chameleon Youth Housing. I look forward to supporting Carmel and the team for many years to come. I know they will turn this into an annual event which will be really exciting.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone, both in this House and also in the community, for their well wishes when I was recently diagnosed with a melanoma. I want to thank my hairdresser, Tahnee. As my specialist said, it is often hairdressers who identify skin irregularities on people's scalp because they are very hard to find. The message is that people should have regular skin checks—

Honourable members interjected.

Mrs D'ATH: Yes, you might be able to spot some easier than others. Outside of regular skin checks, if you or someone you know draws to your attention something unusual or concerning, please go and get it checked quickly. That is what I did and it made all the difference. I want to thank everyone for their support. I really appreciate it.