



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Redcliffe Area Youth Space; Anzac Day Trust Grants Program

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (6.10 pm): It is my pleasure to rise to speak about the Brisbane North Primary Health Network's four commissioned safe spaces in our region. One of those is at Redcliffe being run out of the Redcliffe Area Youth Space. I want to congratulate the Brisbane North PHN and Redcliffe Area Youth Space for establishing this program. It is a fantastic program that is commissioned across the region. The whole Safe Space network aims to create community based movement to embed safety and enhance wellbeing in existing neighbourhood facilities.

Importantly, the Safe Space network has been co-designed with community to support people experiencing emotional distress or suicidal crisis to help keep people well and out of hospital. These safe spaces are a response to a call from people with lived experience for new approaches and options for mental health crisis. They are intended to make it easier for people to access mental health support before and in the early stages of crisis as an alternative to emergency departments.

At the Redcliffe Safe Space people experiencing emotional distress as well as their carers or support persons can expect to be greeted by peer workers who will help them settle in, offer refreshments and discuss strategies and available supports to manage their crisis. Safe Spaces are community based services that complement Queensland Health's hospital based crisis support Safe Spaces. Queensland Health is represented on the North Brisbane Safe Space Steering Committee to enable coordination between the implementation of crisis support spaces and safe spaces. This being Mental Health Week, I think it is a great time to acknowledge the official launch that was held recently. I have already visited the site and I will be going back shortly with the PHN to see the great work they are doing. I want to congratulate them on that service.

I also want to briefly mention the great announcement this morning by the Premier and the Assistant Minister to the Premier for Veterans' Affairs about the Anzac Day Trust Grants Program. I am thrilled to see that the Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex Service Men and Women, Redcliffe sub-branch; the RAAF Association, Queensland Division, Redcliffe Branch; Redcliffe District Ex-Servicewomen's Club; the RSL, Queensland Branch, Redcliffe sub-branch; and Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, Redcliffe sub-branch have all received funding through this trust. I want to acknowledge the words of the assistant minister, who talks about these trust programs delivering much needed funding to the many ex-service organisations dedicated to supporting the Queensland veterans community. I thank the government for these grants and the organisations for the great work they do.