




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Run Army; Anzac Day

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (6.16 pm): This weekend on Sunday, 23 April, the Run Army annual charity and fundraiser event is being held and I am looking forward to participating in the five-kilometre event. Run Army aims to promote resilience, health and wellbeing across all members of the Australian Army and enhance and promote the Army's relationship with local communities and specifically Defence Force families in the lead-up to Anzac Day. Run Army also raises important funds for Legacy. This year is an important one for Legacy as the organisation is celebrating its centenary. I wish to acknowledge Legacy's 100 years of keeping its promise to help families to continue with their lives following the loss of a relative due to military service.

I also wish to acknowledge Run Army president, Major General Jake Ellwood DSC, AM, CSC and his ongoing leadership of this important initiative. Last year I was pleased to welcome Major General Jake Ellwood to the electorate of Moggill in his capacity as the then Queensland flood recovery coordinator and discuss with him the significant disaster management, emergency resourcing and flood resilient infrastructure needed for the electorate of Moggill.

Next Tuesday, 25 April, will be Anzac Day and many important commemorative services will be held. Specifically in the electorate of Moggill, the Kenmore-Moggill RSL sub-branch will be holding its annual Bellbowrie dawn service at 5.30 am followed by the 9 am morning service at the Brookfield Showground. There will also be a service at the Bolton Clarke Fairview aged-care facility for aged-care residents and their families as well as a special service held at midday at the Mount Crosby Bowls Club. An important local tradition will also continue this year with the Shell Green T20 cricket match being held at the Brookfield Showground between the Australian Army XI under 7th Brigade Commander Brigadier Mick Say and the Lord Mayor's Brookfield United Cricket Club XI.

I recognise and thank all of our current serving Australian Defence Force personnel, veterans and their families for their contribution to our nation. As a member of the 2nd Health Battalion in the Australian Army, I also acknowledge all health colleagues and serving soldiers, particularly those within the 1st Surgical Company and the 11 Close Health Company. Anzac Day certainly holds important significance for my own family given Captain Andrew Percival Rowan of the 10th Australian Light Horse Regiment was killed in action on 7 August 1915 at Gallipoli. His death occurred whilst leading the charge at Walker's Ridge.

The 2023 Anzac Day national RSL campaign is 'That's the ANZAC spirit' which connects the importance of the day and the reasons we commemorate. Lest we forget.