



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### **Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital Foundation; Moggill Electorate, Schools**

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (7.13 pm): The Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital Foundation is an extraordinary charitable organisation that exists to connect those who wish to give in order to make a positive difference for translational health and research outcomes. Through the support of many generous Queenslanders and organisations, the RBWH Foundation is proud to support the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, the Surgical Treatment and Rehabilitation Service, STARS, and the Redcliffe Hospital as well as the Herston Health Precinct research institutes and centres with almost \$5 million in total funding provided for the 2022-23 financial year.

Last Friday, 6 October it was a pleasure to attend the RBWH Foundation annual military dinner as the Liberal National Party's shadow minister for the arts. The annual military dinner celebrates the remarkable partnership of over 150 years between the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and the Australian Defence Force, both of which have continued to work together to achieve life-saving research and patient care. It was an honour to attend last Friday's event. I take this opportunity to acknowledge Brigadier David Ward, Director-General of Health Reserves—Army, who is also a distinguished senior specialist in emergency medicine at the Brisbane Northside Emergency department and an adjunct professor at QUT's School of Public Health. I wish to acknowledge Brigadier Craig Schramm CSC, who presented the John Thomson Oration, as well as a special guest at the evening's event, Australian contemporary artist Donald James Waters OAM. I also acknowledge the many other distinguished health leaders including Major General John Pearn AO, RFD; Air Commodore Amanda Dines OAM, the Director-General Health Reserves—Royal Australian Air Force; and also the former executive director of medical services at the RBWH, Dr Judy Graves.

Today is World Mental Health Day. This year, Queensland Mental Health Week will be held from 7 to 15 October. I acknowledge Brookfield State School, which recently took the initiative to host a terrific community breakfast featuring resources for R U OK? Day and Mental Health Week, delivered in collaboration with PCYC Queensland and the school's P&C. It was my pleasure to again support and sponsor that important initiative.

Finally, I am honoured to have Executive Principal Mr Paul Robertson and student leaders of Kenmore State High School attend the Queensland parliament for dinner in order to celebrate their achievements and contributions over the past 12 months. The school captains, Jack Gorman and Katelyn Brooks, and vice-captains, Jorge Alt-Andrews and Emilia Halley, have made an outstanding contribution to their school and community. Each year it is my pleasure to host the outgoing school leaders of Kenmore State High School at the Queensland parliament.

I certainly wish these students and their peers all the very best as they approach their final exams. I know that the Minister for Education also wishes the students all the best. They are very excited about the planning for the new school hall, but there is more infrastructure to be done, as the minister knows. Hopefully, we will see that in the years to come.