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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Redlands Electorate**

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (2.28 pm): The two weeks since the House last sat have been action packed with events across so many different spheres of our Redlands community. I want to thank our Redlands Coast Chamber of Commerce, the host of our regional jobs committee. Monday a week ago we held a futures forum. I thank Minister Farmer for coming out and joining us on that day. It was fantastic. We had students from across the Redlands. Not only did they have the networking experience, they did bus trips down to Transdev to see the great work happening there and the job and career opportunities. At Hub 68, which is a fantastic, up-and-coming medical precinct, students got to see the opportunities for careers in health care. I am proud of our government's investment in those regional jobs committees as they are translating into greater connections with our young people, and an understanding of the pathways and the skills and job opportunities that are available.

I also am so proud of the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program. I attended the launch of the current round of new trainees who are coming into conservation management across our Southern Moreton Bay Islands. To Chook and the team from Running Wild, thank you for letting me share that launch. I got to share an awful lot about me. There was an activity where you had to reach in and take a whole heap of pieces of paper and for each of the pieces of paper that you took you had to say something about yourself. There was quite a lot of oversharing by me, but the trainees equally got to share a lot. These are the sorts of programs that we are seeing our young people engaged in that are providing them with the opportunity to obtain skills and take that next step while having the benefit of wraparound support.

There was a huge turnout for Clean Up Australia Day right across the Redlands. I am sure it was the same across many parts of the state. It was fantastic for everybody to get in and help with that clean-up.

We also celebrated International Women's Day, now International Women's Week. I am sure everybody in this chamber had as many action-packed events as we did. I thank the Soroptimists for the breakfast that they held. Our VIEW club hosted a lunch. The Zonta Club held a dinner. The Centre for Women & Co. also held a dinner. This year is their 30th anniversary so I give a huge shout-out to the Centre for Women & Co. and acknowledge all of the work that they do in our community. Our high school held a fantastic breakfast that was attended by female teachers from right across the Redlands. That was lovely. This year I was proud to again support the YMCA in their Food Fiesta. That was a terrific community event and a great evening was had by all.

Finally, the netball season has kicked off. Last Saturday I got out my whites and my whistle. I am a little bit rusty, I have to say. I nearly forgot to call a centre pass. It was great to see the kids playing. We also launched the AFL season at the Sharks. There is great work happening in the Redlands.