




Speech By
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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (7.01 pm): Two weeks ago we were able to host cabinet in the Redlands. The member for Springwood, the member for Capalaba and I had an absolutely cracking week with a whole range of opportunities to showcase all of the great work that the Palaszczuk government is doing in the Redlands.

We started the morning with Minister Ryan with a big breakfast for QFES and emergency services personnel to say thank you for all of the great work they do, whether they be our Volunteer Marine Rescue, our Night Ninjas in the homelessness space, our rural fireies, our QFES teams, our QPS officers or our Corrective Services officers. You name it, everybody was there to be thanked for everything they contribute to our community.

We then went on to the satellite hospital which is set to open at the end the August or early September. That is an absolute game changer for my island communities and the growing southern Redlands. Over \$46 million worth of investment brings health care closer to home for locals. The minor injuries and illness clinic will deliver ultrasounds and X-rays. It will be open for walk-ins from 8 am until 10 pm. It is going to provide a fantastic service. This will be in addition to the renal dialysis and chemotherapy services.

Then we headed up to the Redland Hospital. For all of the naysayers on the other side when it comes to the stage 2 expansion, I can tell them that the budget papers said it all yesterday. That has kicked off and is underway. There is \$150 million for a new mental health facility. The old one will be demolished. It unlocks the site with the old car park to do the full expansion. I am extraordinarily proud of the investment our Palaszczuk government is putting into health care. It is unprecedented. It has never been seen before. In the 10 years before I was elected there was nothing delivered there. This expansion is fantastic.

We then went up to Victoria Point State High School and opened the new \$11 million technology precinct that will have robotics, STEM and hospitality facilities. It is fantastic. We went with Minister Grace and the Premier. It was lovely to meet the students and teachers and see all of the great work that is going on in that school and the investment that the Palaszczuk government has delivered in that space. That was terrific.

With Minister Bailey we checked out one of the new ferry terminals that has only just switched over to operation. That is fantastic. The ferry terminals are transformative for our island communities and should all be completed by the end of this year.

With Minister Enoch we went to the Macleay Island Arts Complex. They have some exciting plans underway. There is so much that has been happening in the Redlands.

With Minister Scanlon we looked at new temporary crisis accommodation, being innovative in how we transform what was going to sit as an empty space into something that will provide crisis accommodation for Queenslanders who are doing it tough.

I am extraordinarily proud of every aspect of delivery in the Redlands. The level of delivery over five years is unprecedented.

A government member: A great local member.

Ms RICHARDS: Thank you. I conclude by offering my condolences to all the families and communities impacted by the Hunter Valley tragedy. In the Redlands we have been particularly impacted by the death of Andrew and Lynan Scott, very strong community members of the Redland Sharks footy club. So many people have been impacted. My thoughts and prayers are with family, friends and the community.