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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (7.27 pm): How exciting to be the last speaker for 2023! It is very exciting. I want to start my contribution with Weinam Creek. The member for Kawana and I, I believe, are on a unity ticket on this in terms of where the Redland City Council is at in delivering that for my community. I know that they had workshops on the expressions of interest that were submitted by private developers this week. What I would really love to see is some transparency. We talk about transparency a lot in this place. I would love to see Redland City Council talk about what was submitted and what that looks like and what that looks like in terms of the car park for my southern Moreton Bay island communities. I am hoping in good faith that Redland City Council will talk to our community about what has come through and what that will look like for the future in terms of car parking for my island residents.

I note that we are heading into a week of primary school graduations. I had my first one today at Russell Island State School. Jasper from my office proudly represented me today. Young Matilda won my community spirit award for the year. She has done a phenomenal job. They have had a really tough year over on Russell Island after the house fires and what was involved there. To all of those grade 6s graduating today at Russell Island State School and to all of those that come next week: congratulations and I look forward to watching the next chapter of your learning journey in high school.

To the Redland District Special School—a place very close to my heart—I had the opportunity to attend their graduation last Friday night. It was just beautiful. To principal Andrew Thompson, I give my most heartfelt thanks for your nine years of service to the Redland District Special School. You have been amazing and I know that your next chapter will have a very great influence on making sure that education is well placed for our young people with disability. To Andrew, I am wishing you the best of luck and to our young people who graduated this year. I know that your next chapter will be equally as exciting.

To Chris Richards and the team at the YMCA Youth Vocational School, it was very exciting to see the sod turn, with Bedford there, for their junior campus that builds on the year 9 and 10 campus that we have. They are doing fantastic work with our young people in that alternative schooling space.

To our BUSY school—another fantastic organisation delivering for our young people in the Redlands—the year 11 graduation was absolutely fantastic and it was great to speak with young people and to hear what their plans are in terms of leadership and their studies for year 12.

To our Macleay Island Progress Association, congratulations on a fantastic twilight Christmas markets. It was absolutely awesome to be there. The creative artists and crafts there were absolutely fantastic.

Finally, to everybody in the Redlands, I wish you all a very merry Christmas. Please have a safe and a happy, amazing time with your friends and family. To everyone in the parliament: merry Christmas!