



Speech By  
**Hon. Mark Ryan**


**MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### **Caboolture, Housing; Christmas Toy Drive Appeal**

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (6.04 pm): I start by acknowledging the outstanding public servants who work in the Moreton Bay Housing Service Centre in Caboolture. They used to be called the Caboolture housing service centre. I am old school—I will always call them the Caboolture housing service centre. They are outstanding public servants who are committed to helping some of the most vulnerable people in the Caboolture region. They do an outstanding job.

Everyone knows that there is a challenge around housing at the moment when it comes to not only availability but also affordability. This particular service centre is doing outstanding work with a growing level of demand. The government is doing what we can to support the work of those not only at the housing service centre but also throughout the Caboolture region more broadly and across Queensland.

I am very pleased that in the last few months we have seen the completion of some new housing developments in the Caboolture region to increase the availability of social housing stock. There was a development in King Street comprising 20 units—15 one-bedroom units and five two-bedroom units. That was a total commitment of \$7 million and was built by Paynters. They did an outstanding job on that particular development. There was also a development in Merino Street comprising 10 units—four one-bedroom units and six two-bedroom units—and they were built by BLD Building Legal & Development. Both developments are of outstanding quality and everyone will be very proud to call them home. I know that those properties, those units, are being made available to vulnerable people in our community straightaway. I give a big shout-out to those who look after vulnerable people in the Caboolture region, and well done to those builders who have delivered new homes for vulnerable people in the Caboolture region.

I want to highlight the annual tradition in the Caboolture-Morayfield area around supporting kids in care. Over a decade ago I helped establish a Christmas toy drive appeal and it has now grown to what we believe to be the biggest and most successful community Christmas toy drive in the state. This year we are hoping to deliver more than 700 Christmas presents to children. It is a real community effort. There are donations right across the community, both financial and in kind, to ensure children in care have the experience that we all want kids to have at Christmas time. Thank you to all those people who supported that toy appeal and well done to the committee of Kindness for Kids in Care for the outstanding work they do.