




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

International Women's Day; Dolphins

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (7.04 pm): I attended a number of International Women's Day events over the last couple of weeks. I was very proud to see so many incredible, intelligent and driven women in the Redcliffe electorate. Although there are a number of examples I could give, I would like to highlight Moreton Bay's Sergeant Sarah Grayson who held an International Women's Day event over the weekend in support of the Forgotten Women project.

In response to the tragically high rates of women over 55 years of age experiencing homelessness, the project's mission is to put a roof over the heads of as many of these women who are extremely vulnerable as possible. The Forgotten Women project was created and continues to be delivered by Redcliffe's very own Teresa Reed, who is the CEO at Mangrove Housing, a not-for-profit organisation that provides individualised and place-based housing support to those in need.

Ms Enoch interjected.

Mrs D'ATH: I acknowledge the interjection of the Minister for Housing.

I would also like to give a special mention to Redcliffe's Beris Pritchard. This month Beris has officially given 50 years of service to Quota. Beris is an inspiration to many members of our community. Beris's fellow volunteers believe she is full of energy, ability and warmth, and they have immensely appreciated her contribution over many years.

It is great to see women not only taking the lead in our local community but also giving back to the community and supporting other women to succeed. I thank them for the great work that they do in so many organisations. I thank the volunteers and everyone else who came along to that event.

I had a woman in her 80s who came to me, broke down and said, 'The truck is arriving to take all my stuff at midday tomorrow. I've got nowhere to go.' I thank one of our local short-term accommodation places that have taken her in temporarily while we source housing for her. She is very appreciative of the support that we were able to give her. I acknowledge my staff who work tirelessly to support the homeless in my community.

On a much happier note: congratulations to the Dolphins for the start of their NRL season—two from two. They are the only team in the league who have never lost a game. I acknowledge that they follow in the footsteps of the Redcliffe Dolphins who have been playing passionately since 1947. Kids on the peninsula and beyond have new heroes in Kaufuis and Katoa. We wish Jesse Bromwich and the whole team well for the season. I wish them well for Friday night's game against the Knights. There is one that we really want to win—the battle of Brisbane against the Broncos. We will have our fins up and we will be bringing the boys home.