



Speech By  
**Hon. Yvette D'Ath**


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### **Australian Volunteer Coast Guard; Redcliffe, Mobile Police Beat**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (7.03 pm): I am thrilled to stand up and talk about a visit I had last week from the Minister for Police and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services, Minister Ryan, who joined me in announcing a brand new rescue vessel for the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association QF3 Redcliffe base. They are getting a brand new rescue vessel in April 2024. The great news is that it is \$1.9 million of investment. It is being built in Maryborough, by a Queensland-based company. Allweld Manufacturing has been awarded the contract to construct the 11.9-metre catamaran. This new vessel for the coast guard is really exciting. I want to thank the coast guard for the great work they do each and every day in keeping our community safe—working with our police, water police and of course the Queensland Ambulance Service as well as the hospital and health service. I also congratulate them on their fundraising for a new lift in their facilities. This means that people with mobility issues will now be able to come in and volunteer whereas before they had difficulties because the only access was via stairs. They did a lot of fundraising for that \$83,000 lift installation. Some \$10,000 came from QFES, \$20,000 came from the Moreton Bay Regional Council and the rest they funded themselves. I congratulate QF3 Redcliffe for their great work each and every day.

Last Friday we also launched a mobile police beat for Redcliffe. This is fantastic. We know about the traditional ways of having a police beat in a shopping centre: they are static and only open certain hours. Having a mobile police beat that can move around the area, be proactive and go to big events and festivals but also quickly respond to major incidents will make all the difference. That high-visibility policing presence increases safety in the community and reduces crime. It was so exciting to launch that wonderful police beat at the youth space at Redcliffe. The youth space has just celebrated its 21st birthday. Happy 21st to them. I acknowledge Amy-lee Mayes, their manager, who has 17 years of service looking after the youth in our community. They also now provide so many other services including around mental health. I want to acknowledge her and her wonderful staff and volunteers for the great work they do with the young people in our community. It was great to launch the mobile police beat at their facility. Last Friday they also started up Picnic Hill, an event coordinated and run by the young people as they gain skills. Well done to Redcliffe Area Youth Space, the Queensland Police Service and the coast guard for their great efforts.