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Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (6.06 pm): I rise to share with the parliament some of the wonderful events that have been happening in my electorate recently. As we know, Redcliffe is known for our beautiful beaches, cafes and restaurants, but my community is also known for hosting events that people love to flock to.

I want to talk about a really important fundraiser that was held a week ago for Chameleon Housing so that they can build more youth shelters for disengaged and vulnerable youth who find themselves unable to reside in their own homes. I acknowledge Ausbuild, the major sponsor, which is partnering with Chameleon Housing to build that housing, and Moreton Bay Region Industry and Tourism, which put on the event. This year they raised \$110,000. I thank them and everybody who attended to support that fundraising event.

At the end of June, we celebrated 100 years of the Redcliffe Show. It is a significant anniversary that was marked by an award from the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies. I say a big thank to President Garry Barlow, the management team and the executive for all of their hard work. I thank all of the volunteers who helped to bring their vision to life. I thank the sponsors, the local businesses, the artists and hobbyists who had work on display, the school students, the ride operators and the food van operators who brought us the most exhilarating and delicious experiences. I know the Ekka is good but the Redcliffe Show is just as good—just saying.

In July we hosted the annual Jetty 2 Jetty fun run. I have been participating in the Jetty 2 Jetty since 2007. I believe it is one of the most scenic fun runs in Queensland. I congratulate the almost 5,000 participants in that event. Of course, funds raised always go to a great cause in our community.

In August, it was a privilege to attend the Moreton Bay Food and Wine Festival 2023, located in the beautiful Woody Point area in my electorate. The festival was held across three days. It was a fantastic event, boasting celebrity chefs, cooking demonstrations, seaside bars and unique dining experiences along the water's edge. The festival is part of the council's regional economic development strategy goal to become a bigger, brighter, bolder region showcasing two of its four industry priorities, food and agribusiness, and tourism and major events. I think we had around 20,000 foodies visit over those three days.

I give a big shout-out to Redcliffe State High School hospitality students who worked at those events and the dinners and lunches that were held. It is wonderful to see our school students benefitting from those events as well. It was a wonderful showcase for our electorate and also businesses right across the Moreton Bay region. We hope people will continue to support and buy products from them all year around and not just over the three days of the festival. I express my thanks to all the event organisers for putting on those amazing events over the past few months.