




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Anzac Day

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (6.29 pm): On 19 April 2024 I will be honoured to attend the University of Queensland Medicine Anzac Day Memorial Service, which is to be held at the Mayne Medical school. I wish to thank the University of Queensland Medical Society and Brigadier Michael Reade AM for the kind invitation to attend this Anzac memorial service. For over 70 years this annual service has recognised the strong connection that the University of Queensland has with Australia's defence forces whilst also acknowledging the 14 medical students and graduates who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defence of our nation.

As a graduate of the University of Queensland and a medical officer with the 2nd Health Battalion, specifically Alpha Company, I take this opportunity to recognise the leadership provided by Lieutenant Colonel Kelly Dunne CSC, Regimental Sergeant Major Warrant Officer Class 1 Matthew Shoemark and Lieutenant Colonel Julian Williams to the health capability within the Australian Army.

This coming Sunday, I am honoured to be participating in the 2024 Run Army 10 kilometre and 5 kilometre charity event. This important community event has significantly grown and supports not only our Australian Army and our veterans but also Legacy Australia, RSL Queensland and the Queensland police, fire and ambulance services. I again wish to acknowledge Run Army President Major General (Ret'd) Jake Ellwood DSC, AM, CSC for his leadership of this important initiative. I will also be attending the Anzac Nurses Memorial candlelit vigil on 24 April, hosted by the Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses.

On Anzac Day, in the electorate of Moggill, there will be a number of significant services held, commencing with the annual Bellbowrie Dawn Service hosted by the Kenmore-Moggill RSL Sub Branch, followed by the 9 am morning service and community march at the Brookfield Showground, as well as the commemorative Shell Green T20 cricket match, starting at 11 am. I acknowledge the important service being held at the Bolton Clarke Fairview aged-care facility as well as an important service being held at our local Mount Crosby Bowls Club.

Our Anzac Day services pay respect to the service and sacrifice made on behalf of our nation. These services also serve as an important opportunity to unite our communities in reflection, assist in teaching future generations about the values of courage, resilience and solidarity and ensure the legacy and the sacrifice of our Anzacs continue to be remembered. I join all members of the Queensland parliament in recognising the service of both past and current ADF personnel. On Anzac Day, lest we forget.