




Speech By
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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (6.32 pm): Last weekend, it was my pleasure to welcome the state leader of the LNP opposition to the electorate of Moggill to officially open the 2024 Brookfield Show. I congratulate President of the Brookfield Show Society Dan Petrie and his incredible team of volunteers on the terrific success of this year's show. The Brookfield Showground is a wonderful asset for our local community and there are a number of important capital works and infrastructure improvements which I will continue to fight for to ensure the Brookfield Showground remains a strong community asset.

Last Sunday, I was also delighted to support and participate in the annual Moggill Marathon. With a record number of entries this year, the Moggill Marathon was a phenomenal success. I wish to extend my congratulations to race director David Ember as well as to the Brisbane West Lions Club. I also offer my appreciation to the many organisations and schools that participated.

On the subject of schools, last Saturday I was also delighted to support both the Brisbane Independent School and Kenmore State High School with their open days. The students, teachers, staff and families of Kenmore State High School certainly deserve fully funded school infrastructure, including when it comes to additional classrooms, performing arts as well as sports centre infrastructure. I again reiterate my calls for this funding to be in the Labor state budget next month for both this school and also for detailed planning for an additional high school to service families in the electorate of Moggill.

Recently, I also had the pleasure of visiting our local Colleges Crossing Family Practice in Karana Downs for a formal meeting with RACGP Queensland Faculty Council Chair and local general practitioner Dr Cath Hester. The local provision of health care, including matters relating to ambulance ramping and emergency department access block, was high on the agenda as was the need for a dedicated ambulance station at Karana Downs.

Finally, I acknowledge Dr Keith Towsey. Dr Towsey is a general surgeon with post-fellowship training in burns and trauma with a public appointment at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital as well as being a visiting medical officer at St Andrews War Memorial Hospital. Dr Towsey is a colonel in the Australia Army. He has undertaken a number of deployments including to Afghanistan, the Solomon Islands, Indonesia, Samoa and Papua New Guinea. Recently, Dr Towsey presented to the 108 Army Cadet Unit on military medicine. I know that our local cadets of this Kenmore-based unit will have appreciated his expert and knowledgeable presentation which occurred earlier this week, particularly given he is currently posted as the Senior Medical Officer of Forces Command, the Australian Army's largest functional command.

In concluding, as it is National Volunteer Week, I wish to acknowledge and thank the many wonderful and dedicated local volunteers who contribute via various organisations, including school P&Cs, service clubs, environmental groups, sporting clubs and other local community organisations within the electorate of Moggill.