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 **Hon. AJ STOKER** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (9.23 pm): We have so much to celebrate in the Redlands. First, I say a big ‘well done’ to the students of Cleveland State School on their production of one of my favourite musicals, *Matilda Jr*. The cast and crew showed incredible courage and determination to produce the show, but, of course, a special shout-out must go to all of the teachers and parents who put in so much work to make it possible. Students, I will quote the most well known song from the show: you are not revolting children at all. In fact, you are smart, confident stars who have shown impressive teamwork.

I would also like to congratulate the Mater auxiliary at Redlands for their quiet and diligent efforts to fundraise for even better equipment and amenities for patients at that hospital. The work of the auxiliary at their recent trivia night produced a great night out for everybody, but it also produced a great fundraising result. It ultimately funded a \$47,700 cooling scalp cap for patients who are being treated for cancer. It massively improves comfort for patients undergoing treatment. In many cases it preserves the hair and it helps to ease a difficult time for people who are undergoing their treatment. To the president of the auxiliary, Lorraine Furness, and to her beautiful team of quiet achievers: ladies, you deliver year in and year out. I am not the only one who has noticed your impact, though. Congratulations, ladies, on your nomination in the Mater People Awards. What an excellent recognition of your commitment to the community of the Redlands.

Finally, I wish to share some good news for the arts community on North Stradbroke Island. For seven years, the Straddie Arts and Pottery Club have been desperately trying to get clarity on the tenure of the premises they have occupied for decades, going round and round between the council and the state about the status of the land while the building in which they operate, desperately in need of capital investment, declined in condition. To the 324 people who signed the petition on this matter, I say thank you. I want them to know that I dug deep into the land tenure documents and advocated on their behalf to get the outcome they need. The state government has cleared the way for council to issue the long lease that they have been hoping to have for so long. It was a niche and messy land tenure issue, but I am pleased to say that I have it sorted for them. What Labor refused to get done in seven years, I am pleased to say we have managed to get sorted in just a few months of first visiting that club. I hope this gives them the confidence they need to plan for the future of this important place for creativity and connection, particularly between the women of the island, and start the work needed to give the facility the upgrade it deserves.