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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Teitzel, Mr P; Dementia; Ormiston College**

 **Hon. AJ STOKER** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (2.51 pm): I want to begin by acknowledging the passing of a stalwart of the Wellington Point Bowls Club, Peter Teitzel. After making a huge contribution to that club, I know its members are grieving, as is his wife, Sue, and his wider family. He leaves behind an incredible legacy. The shade and new surfaces that we have funded as an election commitment and are delivering in collaboration with the Redlands Sporting Club are the direct product of his advocacy and passion for the sport and for the Redlands. Peter, I hope you are playing well on the big bowling green upstairs.

Dementia is a difficult and isolating condition to experience, and the family and friends who care for older Redlanders with dementia often find it straining emotionally, practically and financially. The Sing Sing Sing choir provides an important opportunity for lightness and joy in the midst of walking this difficult path. I am so thankful that with Minister Langbroek's Regional Community Arts Program I have been able to deliver a grant to support them to continue that important work and make it more affordable and accessible than ever.

There is a large body of evidence showing the importance of music in communicating with people with dementia and slowing the advance of symptoms. I know that local seniors and carers appreciate the work of Trudy, Fiona, Melissa and the team at Sing Sing Sing. I want to congratulate them for the way they promote dignity, connection and respect for affected local people. You can join them on Mondays from 10 until 12 at the Redland Performing Arts Centre.

Finally, I want to congratulate the Ormiston College community on the reopening of their Centre for Learning and Innovation after it was burned in an arson attack by youth criminals in mid-2024. It is a very real example of the way Labor's youth crime crisis hit our community hard. Because of Labor's failure to provide consequences for actions and because Labor created a youth justice revolving door, an 11-year-old and a 14-year-old with no connection to the school community thought it was acceptable to walk in and set a near-new building on fire on a Sunday afternoon. It had to be gutted and rebuilt. Every book and every bit of tech and wiring had to be replaced, costing tens of millions of dollars. That causes pressure on the cost of insurance premiums that come with the need to pay out these claims, with knock-on consequences for the pockets of families. Importantly, kids could not use it for 18 months.

The youth crime crisis rocked the school community. The good news, though, is that the Crisafulli LNP government has acted, restoring consequences for actions, introducing adult time for adult crime, strengthening youth bail laws and providing the early intervention and meaningful rehabilitation that troubled young people need to make better choices for their future. We will not stop until our community is safer. I give a big thank you to Minister Langbroek for being there for the opening and to headmaster Michael Hornby for the opportunity to be part of it.