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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Run Army 2025**

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.58 pm): Last Sunday in Brisbane there was an extraordinary show of community support for our Australian Defence Force service men and women, as well as our emergency services personnel, with a record-breaking 2025 Run Army event. With 8,000 participants taking part in Run Army Brisbane for 2025, this remarkable event reinforces the deep respect and gratitude our community holds for the Australian Army, for our veterans and for various emergency services personnel. As assistant minister to the Premier and Leader of the House in the Queensland parliament, I was honoured to represent Premier David Crisafulli at Run Army 2025 and to personally take part in the event. I want to acknowledge and congratulate the Australian Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Simon Stuart AO, DSC, as well as Run Army President, Major General (Ret'd) Jake Ellwood DSC, AM, CSC, for their ongoing support and leadership of this incredible event.

Run Army supports those who are there for our state and nation. This event again had the involvement of Queensland's first responders including from the Queensland Police Service, the Queensland Fire Department, our Ambulance Service, the State Emergency Service and Surf Life Saving Queensland. The participation of our first responders not only enhanced the event but also helped raise much needed funds for charities like Legacy Australia, which has steadfastly supported the families of our defence personnel since 1923. As a Legatee and serving member of the 2nd Health Battalion, I was delighted to raise funds for Legacy Brisbane.

Also last month I had the honour of attending the 83rd Bangka Island Massacre Commemoration Service hosted by the Defence Service Nurses RSL Sub Branch. I joined Major General Stephen Day DSC AM, Colonel Kerry Gallagher AM, Councillor Julie Dixon as well as serving nursing members of the 2nd Health Battalion at this service in solemn remembrance of the unarmed Australian nurses and wounded allied soldiers who were brutally massacred in Indonesia on 16 February 1942.

As we approach Anzac Day we also prepare to honour the legacy of all Anzacs and acknowledge the sacrifices made by past and present members of our Australian Defence Force. Across the electorate of Moggill numerous Anzac Day services will bring together students, families and residents to reflect on the spirit of service and mateship that defines our nation.

This year I will also be attending several other important commemorations including the 2025 University of Queensland Medicine Anzac Day Memorial Service, hosted by Brigadier Michael Reade AM, as well as other services facilitated by the Kenmore-Moggill RSL Sub Branch, and the annual Shell Green T20 Memorial Cricket Match to be held at the Brookfield Showground on Anzac Day. As we gather to remember, let us ensure that the legacy of the Anzacs lives on in our actions, our communities and the values we uphold as Australians. Lest we forget.