




Speech By
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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (9.27 pm): Last weekend I was honoured to attend the 2025 Legacy Gala dinner, not only as the assistant minister to the Premier and Leader of the House in the Queensland parliament but also as a legatee. It was a pleasure to be part of an evening that brought together veterans, supporters, corporate partners and distinguished guests for an important night of connection, remembrance and impact. I attended together with Her Excellency Dr Jeannette Young AC, PSM, the Governor of Queensland, and also Lieutenant General Simon Stuart AO, DSC, the Chief of Army. I also want to acknowledge Brendan Cox, CEO of Legacy Brisbane, for his leadership and ongoing commitment to the families of Australian service men and women, veterans and those who have given so much in the service of our nation. Thanks to the generosity of those who attended, over \$400,000 was raised to support the families of veterans, ensuring Legacy's core purpose continues for generations to come.

I also take this opportunity tonight to recognise an outstanding and inspirational local resident of the electorate of Moggill, Dr Rolf Gomes, founder of the Heart of Australia program. When I was the executive director of medical services at St Andrews War Memorial Hospital and later as president of AMA Queensland, I was pleased to secure establishment funding for Dr Rolf Gomes and his innovative vision for Heart of Australia. It has been truly inspirational to see Heart of Australia develop over the past decade into a transformational health service that delivers specialist medical care to rural and remote communities. Last week Dr Gomes was named the Queensland Australian of the Year, a well-deserved honour that reflects his hard work, dedication and impact, and it was certainly a pleasure to attend the official celebratory event along with the Premier of Queensland and the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services.

This week on Monday it was terrific to attend the 2025 Kenmore State High School Premier Awards evening. I again want to offer my congratulations to all student leaders and students on another remarkable year of academic, sporting, cultural and environmental achievement. I was delighted to again support the awarding of the school dux honours, with the junior dux awarded to Lavina Ahmed and the senior dux awarded to Naomi Preissler.

Finally, as we approach the end of the year it is important to acknowledge that the last 12 months have been a terrific period of delivery by the Crisafulli LNP state government for residents and community groups across the electorate of Moggill. I continue to work to secure further support and investment for local organisations, including the exceptional work undertaken by Reason to Thrive, as well as additional financial resources for our valued community and sporting clubs, including cricket, AFL and football. I wish all students the very best for the final weeks of this term and I extend my warmest wishes to all families across the western suburbs of Brisbane for a safe and happy Christmas and restful holiday season.