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ADJOURNMENT

Cyclone Alfred, Response; Victoria Point Sharks

 **Mrs YOUNG** (Redlands—LNP) (9.09 pm): I rise tonight to share my gratitude and support of the Australian Red Cross and their army of volunteers who helped residents in the Redland community get back on their feet following the fallout of ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred. Last month I joined Minister Camm in Thornlands to open the community recovery hub to support people in their time of need. We were fortunate to be joined by the Red Cross volunteers. We met Wayne, who came all the way from Western Australia. When the recovery hubs first opened in South-East Queensland, the Russell Island centre was one of the busiest—I visited there on the Saturday after Tropical Cyclone Alfred—with more than 200 people seeking assistance on the first day. Red Cross volunteers were on hand to provide care and comfort to distressed locals by providing psychological first aid, registering people into the system for support and referring them to the right agencies inside the recovery hub. In my electorate of Redlands alone, Red Cross volunteers supported well over 1,000 people and helped refer over 600 people to available support.

On top of this, the Redlands Coast Community Champions, in their beautiful red shirts, sprang into action to leverage their local knowledge to enhance the community. Trained by the Australian Red Cross and the Queensland police, these community champions are local residents who work closely with the Redland City Council local disaster management group to respond to disasters just like ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred. Our community is lucky to have such amazing volunteers, who went above and beyond in our time of need.

I would also like to give a big shout-out to the Victoria Point Sharks—my second home, as we like to call it. This past weekend they raised an impressive \$16,000 through their Laps for Leukaemia 48-hour Charity Walk to support leukaemia. It was a massive effort for the staffing team at the Sharks, with 800 laps recorded by hundreds of participants in 48 hours straight. I was very pleased to join their incredible efforts. The wet weather did not dampen the community spirit! Rhys, Theresa and Lara: your leadership is inspiring, and it was heartwarming to see so many people walking in support of curing blood cancer.