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 **Mrs YOUNG** (Redlands—LNP) (9.09 pm): Tonight I want to take a moment to recognise the incredible work that our frontline police officers do right across the Redlands, from Cleveland and Redland Bay, out to Russell and Macleay islands and everywhere in between. Every single day, those men and women work hard to deliver a safer community for our region, whether it is patrolling our neighbourhoods, responding to calls or simply taking the time to connect with locals, they are the ones on the ground making a real difference. Since our government passed Jack's Law, Redlands police have been able to get out to hotspots like our ferry terminals, bus hubs, shopping centres and public spaces to conduct wandering operations. This is about keeping weapons off our streets and sending a very clear message: crime will not be tolerated in Redlands. Already, we are seeing the benefits of these laws.

However, our officers are not about just enforcement. They are also deeply connected in our community. I have seen it firsthand, whether with Constable Trei Watkins from the Russell Island Police Station joining me at the recent school athletics carnival or the officer in charge at the Redland Bay Station, Matt Thompson, attending the progress association meetings on Coochie or Lamb islands. Those moments build trust, strengthen relationships and remind us that strong communities are built in partnership.

I am proud that, in just 12 months, our government has delivered 350 extra police on the beat, including four new officers in Redlands. Two of them, Brittany and Michaela, are new recruits. They both live locally and both went to local high schools. Recently I had the privilege of welcoming them to their new roles and their new station. The results are clear: youth crime is down, victim numbers are down and confidence in policing is being restored so tonight I simply say thank you to every police officer serving in Redlands. Your dedication does not go unnoticed. Our community is safer, stronger and better because of what you do.

Because I have some time left, I wish the Sharks senior men's AFL team the best of luck on Saturday. They are going up against Surfers Paradise in the grand final at the Brighton Homes Arena. JP, they are coming for your guys!