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#### **Raceview and Ipswich get new paramedics**

Raceview and Ipswich have two new paramedics starting their first shift with the Queensland Ambulance Service this week.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan welcomed Jan Wishart to Raceview and Alexander Henderson to Ipswich and said they were starting just in time to help celebrate Ambulance Week later this month.

“This latest class of paramedics join the ranks of the most trusted professionals in our community,” Ms Nolan said.

“They will also play a front line role in an ambulance service that is internationally recognised as a leader in pre-hospital patient care.

“This will be the first time these paramedics will go on the road to put their weeks of classroom-based training into practice.

“The new paramedics will be accompanied by experienced paramedics who will mentor them through their initial 10-month period before further theoretical training.

“Paramedics are revered in our local communities as life savers and I am confident our latest group of paramedics will be warmly welcomed.”

Emergency Services Minister Chris Cummins said Jan and Alexander were part of a group of 33 student paramedics arriving at stations throughout the state this week.

“These are the first group of the extra 100 paramedics who will be trained this financial year,” he said.

“More new paramedics will also be on the way soon, in the next wave of the 240 extra paramedics to be trained over the next three years.

“\$35.9 million has been committed to recruit the additional 240 paramedics across Queensland over the next three years, making a total of 350 additional paramedics employed throughout Queensland in four years.”

Ambulance Week runs from September 19 to 26 and will be a great time to stop and reflect on the work that the Queensland Ambulance Service does right throughout the state.