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Mr MICKEL (Logan—ALP) (7.04 p.m.): Tonight I want to pay tribute to Hugh Burns, a community development officer in Logan City, for his hard work and dedication in bringing together the Greenbank RSL Services Club Mother's Day Awards. Hugh is a noted community worker and for this event he has the active support of the general manager of the Greenbank RSL, Mr John Limbrick, and the management committee of the club.

The event is a free competition involving State schools, non-Government schools, local government—Logan City Council and the Beaudesert Shire Council—and the general community of Logan City. The event will culminate in a Mother's Day Ball to be held on Saturday, 8 May.

To date, 14 schools and community organisations representing more than 13,000 people are committed to this event. In fast growing and newly developing areas such as the Logan district it is a challenge to develop a sense of community, particularly because younger families are busy with their jobs, establishing careers, developing their homes and concerning themselves with their children and their activities.

This initiative is to be commended because it is a significant focusing, community-building event paying tribute to and recognising the enormous contribution of mothers in the district. I refer to the women of Logan who run the P & Cs and the school fetes. They do an enormous amount of volunteer community work. We urge all schools and groups in the area to be involved in an event which promises to be a spectacular success for the Logan West area.

Again I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Hugh Burns and his hard-working team for bringing this event to fruition. Mr Burns has had the active support of the Greenbank RSL and the many community groups in the area. We are still looking for other schools and organisations to be involved in the event. I will be writing to them in the next couple of days. We also need the many businesses in the Logan West area to get involved in what will prove to be a magnificent event.
