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Ms BOYLE (Cairns—ALP) (7.12 p.m.): I would like to inform the members of the House that the winner of the Cairns International Women's Day Year 2000 Award is Ms Narelle Carroll. She has won the award this year for her devotion to the promotion and development of Cairns hockey over many years. She has worked long and hard in a voluntary capacity as the promotions and marketing director for the Cairns Hockey Association Incorporated.

I must say that this fine organisation has a history of being determined and ambitious, particularly over the past 10 years. It has put considerable effort into developing a leading-edge playing surface and international standard facilities. I would like to place on record my recognition of all of those who have contributed to the strength of this fine sporting organisation.

Narelle Carroll's particular contributions to the Cairns hockey success stories include the choice of Cairns as the venue for the 1999 Australian championships. They also include the pre-Olympic training in Cairns by the Dutch men's hockey team. In May last year, Ms Carroll was convener of the State women's championships. It is interesting that she is not herself a hockey player. Nonetheless, she has tremendous enthusiasm and enjoyment from the sidelines. She has provided a fine example and, indeed, is a fine choice of a leading woman to be celebrated in the year 2000.

I would like to quote the great poet W. B. Yeats and say—

"She is foremost of those that I would hear praised."

Congratulations to Narelle on her award this year.
