



Speech by

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AUSTRALIAN SPORTS MEDALS

Hon. K. W. HAYWARD (Kallangur—ALP) (11.45 p.m.): Last Friday afternoon I had the great pleasure and honour to present eight Australian sports medals to a wide cross-section of residents of the Kallangur electorate. It was a privilege to recognise the great sporting contribution that these people have made to the Caboolture and Pine Rivers Shires, Queensland and Australia.

The medals are in celebration of the nation's wide sporting achievements. I told the gathering that the Governor-General authorises all awards within the Australian honours system and the Australian sports medal is being awarded during the year 2000 to commemorate Australian sporting achievement and has been established as a commemorative award within the Australian honours system.

Each recipient was informed by the official secretary to the Governor-General by letter, which stated—

"The medal has been created to recognise the contributions of both current and former sports participants and for those who have provided support services to sport. The medal is a unique way for Australia to recognise the wide-ranging efforts of those who have made Australia a great sporting nation."

Tonight, I want to take the opportunity to mention briefly to the Parliament the recipients of those eight medals. One person who received a medal was Helen Madden of Burpengary. She is a founding member of the Burpengary Jets Netball Club, which was established in 1980. She was the club's first president and has been honoured with life membership. She is a level 1 coach and has held numerous positions such as coaching convenor and grader. If Helen's name is mentioned within the Caboolture area, people immediately think of netball, such is the impact that Helen has had on the netball scene in that area.

Another recipient was Bob Glover of Narangba, who is an absolute devotee of the sport of baseball. He has held a variety of coaching and administrative positions at both club and regional level. His specialty is junior baseball. He was a founding and executive member of the Narangba Baseball Club, executive member of the Pine Rivers Rapids Baseball Club and is currently the executive officer of the Queensland Rams Under 14 team.

Many people in this Parliament would know Bruce McLachlan of Rocksberg. Of course, anyone who has an interest in racing recognises his name. Bruce is a leading Queensland trainer with 16 metropolitan premiership wins to his name.

Donna Gifford of Narangba was a recipient. She is an up and coming tennis player and has represented Queensland for a number of years in school teams; she has won the Kawana Open singles; and she has achieved a world ranking as an under 18 player. As a junior player, she has achieved a State Open ranking; and as a university student, as exams and the year draw to a close, she is back on the tennis circuit with playing commitments in South Australia and in Victoria in the coming weeks in the satellite tournaments.

Matthew Dux of Kallangur was a recipient of the award. He is a young man with a big future in Rugby League. In the words of a life member of the Burpengary Junior Rugby League Club, he is the best player to ever play for Burpengary Junior Rugby League Football Club. He was selected in various schoolboy sides, in the Under 19s, and well as being a member last year of the Queensland Residents

Team (A Grade). He is a member of the Norths Rugby League Club State league side. Importantly—and let us hope that it all works out for him—right now he is trialling with the Parramatta Rugby League Club in Sydney.

Ian Javes of Caboolture was a recipient. He is a world-renowned ultra-marathon runner. Of course, that is not everybody's cup of tea. He has competed in various races such as the Sydney to Melbourne, 24-hour races and in numerous races in America in races that are usually measured in days. To date, he is the only Australian to run 1,300 miles in under 18 days.

Charmaine Wilson of Narangba is a member of the Narangba Demons Baseball Club. She has been involved in that club since the 1980s. Currently, Charmaine is the Brisbane North region's registrar as well as being the Queensland team scorer since 1994.

David James of Burpengary is an athlete with a great future. His notable achievements have been State champion in the high jump and triple jump at school level, in the 14 years national high jump with a record jump of 2.04 metres, and a bronze medal in the triple jump. This year, he took out the Pacific School Games under 17s, with a gold medal in the high jump, where he jumped 2.06 metres, and a bronze medal in the triple jump. Both were personal bests

Time expired.
