



Speech by

**BARBARA STONE**

**MEMBER FOR SPRINGWOOD**

---

Hansard 6 December 2001

**SPORTS AWARDS, SPRINGWOOD**

**Ms STONE** (Springwood—ALP) (7.08 p.m.): On Sunday, 4 November it was with great pleasure that I presented sports awards to some of Springwood's sporting greats. Logan local Brian Kerle and I presented awards at a function at Shailer Park State High School that recognised sportspeople and community volunteers of Springwood. I would like to acknowledge and thank Brian for taking time out of his busy schedule to present the award to Adam. Rugby League official Adam Jasinski was a deserving nominee of the popular state government campaign Thanks Coach, Thanks Ref. Adam was the 6,000th recipient of this award.

Adam began refereeing from Slacks Creek Rugby League football club in 1997 at the age of 14. He has many refereeing accomplishments, including refereeing in state-wide primary schools competitions in the year 2000 and also touch judging the under 12 JAS President's flag game. Adam became the Slacks Creek referee coordinator in 2001 and was selected for the south-east division referees' board development squad.

The Thanks Coach, Thanks Ref campaign is all about recognising the hard work of officials and coaches, who are rarely thanked for the time and effort they put into all levels of sport. Sports medallions were awarded to people who had been nominated by their peers in the sporting community. The medallion recipients were recognised for their valuable contribution to their sport, their sportsmanship and sense of fair play.

Many sports were represented. Max Faulkner was awarded a medal for his contribution to tennis. He has been a player, a coach and long-term treasurer for Tennis Logan City. Mike Tabrett was awarded for excellence in his chosen sport of Rugby Union. He has been chosen to represent Queensland and Australia throughout his career. Julie Hoolahan has made outstanding achievements in the sport of futsal. Julie also contributes to the administration of her club and coaches junior futsal teams. The founder of Logan City Athletics was a deserving recipient of the sports medal. Patrick Brown and members of Logan City Athletics attended the function in support of the hard work done by Patrick.

Julian Sykes has represented Queensland and Australia on a number of occasions. He has represented his school in outdoor and indoor soccer and also participated in district and regional school running events. Tracie Kemp was recognised for the service she has given to softball. As a life member of the Brisbane Softball Association, Tracie provides service to the club as a vice-president, registrar and coach. Matt Teague plays American football—gridiron—and has supported his club for some time. Matt has contributed to his club not only with voluntary work but also financially.

More than 100 people attended the function to recognise the sporting achievements of these people. It is important to recognise that volunteers work in all levels of the community. Sporting and charitable organisations, Thanks Coach, Thanks Ref, the International Year of the Volunteer certificates, medallions and badges have greatly assisted in saying thanks.