



Speech by

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BURPENGARY YOUTH PROJECT

Hon. K. W. HAYWARD (Kallangur—ALP) (7.16 p.m.): It is always a pleasure to hear of the work of volunteers. Tonight I want to recognise the hard work of volunteers within the electorate of Kallangur. On Sunday morning I had the pleasure of attending with the Mayor of Caboolture, Joy Leishman, and local councillor Chris Minetti the opening of the BMX track at Narangba and presented trophies to some of the young folk participating in the morning's events. The project was developed by the Caboolture Shire Council in close consultation with the Burpengary Youth Project and the young people who will use the track. I know that because I saw the involvement of those young people in the development of the BMX track.

It is a pleasure to follow the words of the member for Cunningham, who spoke of youth involvement earlier and the pleasure it gave him to see young people working positively to benefit their communities. It was certainly a pleasure to be at the opening of this facility to see the ownership of the track and the area around the track by the young people involved in the development of that project. It was a blazing hot morning and the volunteers of the Burpengary Youth Project maintained a food supply and drinks for all involved in the activities.

The job of volunteers of the Burpengary Youth Project is to ensure that ongoing BMX activities and competitions occur throughout the year at the Narangba track. The aim of the Burpengary Youth Project is for young people and adults to interact together to build a shared vision—a shared vision of the communities of Burpengary and Narangba as part of the Caboolture shire. Its purpose is to come together to build an understanding of the key issues that impact on young people in our community. The Caboolture Shire Council and the Mercy Family Service, a community based organisation, jointly support the Burpengary Youth Project. I welcome the community and shire council support working with determined volunteers to build our local community.

On Monday, the International Day of People with a Disability, I attended a gathering at the Caboolture Regional Environment Education Centre to celebrate the opening of a disability track on the site. I had the pleasure of making presentations to the disabled volunteers who built that track. Together with the Friends of CREEC Association, which received a one-off grant of \$2,000 to assist with expenses, the disabled volunteers have done a wonderful job. On behalf of the Friends of CREEC Association, I thank the Minister for Disability Services, Judy Spence, for that \$2,000. The service will put it to good use in the local community.

Time expired.
