



Speech by

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING GARDEN AWARDS**

**Mr PURCELL** (Bulimba—ALP) (10.58 p.m.): The Department of Housing has again this year provided public housing tenants with the opportunity to contribute to their properties and neighbourhood through participation in the 2001 Garden Awards in my electorate of Bulimba. The awards have in recent years become an effective and extremely popular means by which public tenants can enhance the appearance of their property in a number of ways through the categories made available to them each year in the awards process.

It was my pleasure recently as the member for Bulimba to be in attendance and to present winners in the South Brisbane region, where almost 100 entries were received. Other invited guests included members of the Stones Corner Area Tenants Association, including President Bev Schafer, Vice-President Jill Murphy, Secretary/Treasurer John Sherwin, and Assistant Treasurer Elona Berak. Also in attendance were Geoff Schafferius and Paul Wicks, from the Brisbane South Area Office; Brian Moore and Lesley Huth, from the Tenant Participation Unit in the city; and the full organising committee of six tenants from the SCATA Regional Tenant Group. Also, Bev from the Stones Corner area office had her workers there and gave lunch to all present.

The tremendous local response to the Garden Awards in my region was merely a reflection of the growing success of the event statewide. For that, the Department of Housing and, in particular, Minister Robert Schwarten must be congratulated.

The 2001 competition offered seven categories. These are the winners of those respective categories in my region—

House Category—Shirley Barrett from Mount Gravatt East;

Small Garden Category—Chi Lee of Highgate Hill;

New Garden Category—Cecily Andrews from West End;

Practical Garden Category—Errol and Julie Marsh from Mansfield;

Native Garden Category—the Burke Family from Carina Heights;

Children's Garden Category—Commendations to Derrick Gambier of Holland Park and Yarren Bakee of Mount Gravatt East;

Group Garden Category—Northcote Street, East Brisbane, represented by Dawn White, Carmel Curran and Albert Yee; and

Extended Garden Category—May Box from Morningside.

Prize winners received an award certificate, a professional photograph of their gardens and a plant, while all participants received a certificate from the minister. Across the state in excess of 1,400 entries were received, an achievement due largely to the enthusiasm of Department of Housing tenants and tenant groups. I thank all those who organised and participated in the awards.

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