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GRAFFITI TRAILER, BRIBIE ISLAND

Mrs CARRYN SULLIVAN (Pumicestone—ALP) (12.04 p.m.): It is with great pride that I rise today to talk about the wonderful enthusiasm of the members of the Bribie Island Apex Club in embracing the auspicing of the state government's graffiti trailer located in the electorate of Pumicestone but servicing the wider Sunshine Coast area. The graffiti trailer was officially launched on 14 December last year at the Bribie Island Police Station by myself and Bribie Island Apexian President, Ken Frey. Also present at the launch were local media representatives, Rosa Kurjan from the Department of Corrective Services, District Superintendent Ken Benjamin, Sergeant Perry Irwin and his wife Melissa, who organised a homemade morning tea which we were all very grateful for, Constable Frank Testa, Caboolture Police Inspector Russell Janke and other Apexians Mal Milverton and Peter Reid, whose business, Bribie Island Select Meats, is also a sponsor.

Other business sponsors at the launch included Lu Drew from Lu-Lu's Island Promotions, Peter Carpenter representing Bunnings—and Bunnings completely outfitted the trailer with equipment and has offered to replace it when needed—Jamie Shaw from Wattyl Paints which has provided the first 200 litres of paint for free to help cover obscene and offensive graffiti from public buildings, Neighbourhood Watch representatives, Ray Edmunds from Banksia Beach and Bill Hart from Bongaree. The graffiti trailer was designed and built by prisoners at the Woodford correctional facility and is fully maintained and registered by the state government's Corrective Services Department. There are currently four in areas throughout Queensland, with more to come, but I believe that the Sunshine Coast trailer was the very first to be auspiced and fully operational. This is another pilot for Pumicestone and I am proud to hold the title as the No. 1 sponsor for 2003. I would certainly encourage all other members to look into the advantages of such a project for their communities.

Since the trailer has been launched, a number of other sponsors including Beachmere Neighbourhood Watch have come forward to donate funds to keep this worthwhile community project running. My parliamentary colleague and state member for Glass House, Carolyn Male, and Councillor Lynette Devereaux, the division 4 shire councillor, have not only become sponsors but have also offered to lend a hand when needed. Well, it did not take long. In fact, myself, Carolyn and Lynette offered assistance when Bribie Island Apex members were called upon recently to assist a local community organisation. Mrs Anne Mealin, the secretary of the Morayfield Girl Guides Parent Support Group, rang me after seeing a press release in a local paper about graffiti and described the obscene graffiti which had appeared on the exterior of the Girl Guides hut on Caboolture River Road at Morayfield and asked for help in getting rid of it promptly. The guides met weekly and were unable to use their facility until something was done. So on 10 January this year Apexians Ken Frey, Daniel Frey and Mal Milverton accompanied Mrs Mary Frey, Carolyn Male MP, Councillor Lynette Devereaux and myself to the hut and within two hours it was like brand new. Fortunately for us the guides had a small amount of original paint which was used as a final coat.

Whilst the graffiti trailer is not the answer to all the community's problems with regard to graffiti, I commend the state government for being prepared to tackle the problem head on and not just talk about it. We will continue to have problems with graffiti, but if we as a community can band together and cover it up as soon as possible it may act as a deterrent to at least some of the insensitive vandals. I also express my gratitude to Bribie Island Apex for offering to auspice the trailer. I only hope that it does not become overloaded with this type of work. I must also offer my sincere appreciation to Tony McGrady, the Minister for Police and Corrective Services, for funding the trailers, Rosa Kurjan for her

help in getting the trailer up and running, and my colleague Linda Lavarch MP, the state member for Kurwongbah, who chaired the bipartisan graffiti task force and correlated all of our ideas. I enjoyed being part of the team and am proud that the state government implemented yet another policy that has been welcomed by the public and which has already seen positive results.