



Speech by

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MULTICULTURAL SERVICE AWARDS

Mr BRISKEY (Cleveland—ALP) (10.17 a.m.): Multicultural Service Awards honour individuals and organisations that have enriched our society while, at the same time, overcoming the challenges of moving to a new country and making a new life for themselves. This year's award recipients have made outstanding contributions in areas such as refugee settlement, helping senior citizens, ethnic broadcasting, the arts and cultural promotion, fundraising, fighting racism and organising multicultural activities.

Recently, I joined with the Premier to celebrate the achievements of these people who are showing us the way in building an open, caring and accepting society. I was honoured to be a part of the presentation of awards to recognise outstanding voluntary contributions to the promotion of multiculturalism and good community relations. The Beattie government remains steadfastly committed to the continued development of Queensland as an inclusive, harmonious and coercive society. We are proud of our multicultural society and the achievements of people from the other countries who have chosen to call Queensland home.

This year the awards honoured 13 individuals and organisations. This year's Multicultural Service Awards recipients are: Mr Robert Barnes of Townsville; Mrs Marie Dao of Brisbane; Mrs Mena Edmondstone of Toowoomba; Mr Chun-Hong David Lin of Brisbane; Mr Sidney List of Brisbane; Dr Ian Mannion of Brisbane; Mrs Gabrielle Matakchioni of the Sunshine Coast; Mrs Mona Orszulak of the Gold Coast; Mr James Tan of the Gold Coast; and Ms Agnes Whiten OAM of Brisbane in the Mount Ommaney electorate. In the organisation category the South Brisbane Immigration and Community Legal Service was the winner. Two schools were honoured: the Greenslopes State School and Kawana Waters State High School. The award recipients who have given of themselves to the community all deserve our heartfelt thanks.