



Speech by

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**LILLEY AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS; HAMILTON CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY**

**Ms LIDDY CLARK** (Clayfield—ALP) (7.26 p.m.): Two significant 2003 Australia Day awards ceremonies were held in the electorate of Clayfield. The first was the Lilley Australia Day Awards for 2003, marking its seventh successful year. The Lilley Awards' aim is to recognise the hardworking and well respected volunteers in our community. A new award, the Lilley Community Business Award, was introduced this year which recognises the enormous contribution many businesses, small and large, make to our community organisations and collectives.

The awards ceremony took place at the Kedron-Wavell Services Club and was well attended by various members of the local community. There were 46 recipients with over 500 guests attending the significant event. I wish also to acknowledge my parliamentary colleagues who attended—Neil Roberts, member for Nudgee; Bonnie Barry, member for Aspley; and Terry Sullivan, member for Stafford. Guests and entertainers for the day included Allan Wright, the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland; Toni O'Leary, Brisbane Airports Corporation; the Nundah and Districts Youth Group; bush poet Chad Sherrin; and the fabulous vocal duet Lisa and Jessica Origlasso. The BAC Lilley Business Award, presented by Tony O'Leary, went to the *Northern News* for its outstanding contribution to community organisations and specifically for providing free space for community organisations every week. The Ted Tremayne Shield was presented to Jim Whalan on behalf of the Kedron-Wavell RSL.

I congratulate the following Clayfield electorate recipients of the 2003 Lilley Australia Day Awards. Their tireless volunteer work is vital to the ongoing survival and support of many organisations and people who are very fortunate to receive it. They include Myra Carter, Reginald and Dulcie Cosgrove, Elizabeth Francis, Sharon Gavioli, Elizabeth Grace, Kathleen Halcroft, David and Lurelle Jones, Sister Janet McDougall, Sister Mary Sellen, Peter and Lorraine Swan, Timothy Weiland and Thomas Hannah, who is 10 years old and won the award for the poetry competition with a fantastic work titled *Ode to the Australian Explorers*.

The second event I was honoured to attend was the Hamilton citizenship ceremony at the Hamilton Town Hall, proudly hosted by the Rotary Club of Hamilton. Guests and supporters welcomed 29 new citizens to our community. Julie and John Goodwin provided music for the ceremony, while Paul Hannah from our local theatre company, Front Row, assisted with the lighting. Becoming a citizen of another country is a major step and I was honoured to be part of this significant event. I acknowledge and admire their bravery and courage in making the decision to become an Australian citizen. It was a wonderful morning celebration where we welcomed their smiles and their cultural delights into our dynamic country. I congratulate the Rotary Club of Hamilton on hosting this momentous occasion.