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GLOSSY BLACK COCKATOO CONSERVATION PROJECT; BEENLEIGH SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

Mr MOORHEAD (Waterford—ALP) (10.01 pm): Last Saturday I was given the pleasure of opening the glossy black cockatoo conservation project in the Beenleigh Historical Village. The project was launched at the office of the Brisbane branch of the Bird Observers Club of Australia. This project is an important partnership between Griffith University's Centre for Innovative Conservation Strategies, led by Dr Guy Castley, and a group of volunteer organisations such as the Brisbane branch of the Bird Observers Club of Australia, known as BrisBOCA, Birds Queensland, which was represented at the launch by David Nyland, the Department of Main Roads, SEQWater and a number of local governments.

This project is an important partnership that provides bird observation clubs with the opportunity to provide data to the project to conserve the endangered glossy black cockatoo, which has become more and more rare in south-east Queensland, its natural home. This project will benefit greatly from the efforts of the active team led by Rob Bloss at BrisBOCA. For years it has been collecting data for local governments to inform their planning process. This information allows governments of all natures to plan to protect habitats that provide food, breeding grounds and water for this endangered species.

On Saturday night I also attended the volunteer appreciation dinner at the Beenleigh Senior Citizens Centre. I was able to attend as the guest of the President, Mr Stewart Kinross, and his wife Doreen. Stewart and Doreen's children had come up from Lake Macquarie to attend the event on Saturday night.

Linda Rowan, the manager of the Beenleigh Senior Citizens Centre, runs one of the strongest, largest and what I would say is the best senior citizens centre in the state. With 1,200 members and a \$1.7 million budget, the centre provides a range of services to our local community including not only Meals on Wheels but also social groups, hairdressing services, podiatry, physiotherapy, social support and a Seniors on the Net program that provides seniors with an opportunity to develop their information technology skills.

We are lucky to have Councillor Parker, the Chair of the Community Services Committee of Logan City Council, who works hard with local groups to develop a transition plan and to talk to them about their leases and other arrangements as we move into the new amalgamated council of Logan. I am sure that with the goodwill of those present that transition will be easy.