



Speech by

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Ms CROFT (Broadwater—ALP) (10.30 pm): With 6 June each year being the day Queenslanders recognise as the day on which the new colony of Queensland was established, it is a great opportunity to reflect on the marvels of our great state and the people who make it such a wonderful place to live. Indeed, it is our people who are the fabric that holds Queensland together—the backbone of our small communities, even in large cities such as the Gold Coast. On the Sunday before Queensland Week each year I host a very special ceremony to recognise and thank those Queenslanders living in the Broadwater electorate for their outstanding contributions as hardworking volunteers. This year I was assisted by Senior Sergeant Murray Underwood with the presentations and the emcee for the day was Mr Rana Watson.

It was my privilege to meet this year's Broadwater Queensland Day awards recipients and their families, and it was inspiring to read about the work they do around the area when receiving their nominations. This year there were 34 recipients and I seek leave to have their names incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

Cher Allen, Dot Anders, Paul Anderson, Dawn Blake, Lawrence Buckley, Ted Burton, Frieda Castle, Chris Cherry, Judy Clarke, Philip Connolly, Mike Cook, Georgina Cook, Noel Cooper, Julie Elkes, Andy (Herbert) Fechner, Michael Field, Jean Greatbanks, Tramayne Horan, Colleen Johnson, Patricia King, Ruth Knight, Don Lobb, Maureen Lobb, Joan Macdonald, Colin Milne, Wendy Mitchell, Ken Oliver, Rex Paton, Cheryl Pearce, Graham Peterson, Radmila Radmilovic, Debra Robinson, Barry Slocum, Tony White

Ms CROFT: Our local community is certainly enriched by the work of these volunteers. There are those who help others in nursing homes, those who help people out on the water and when stormy weather strikes. There are those who help out when sickness or injury take away the capacity to cook a meal and those who work to support seniors and guide young people to improve their way of life and their outlook on life. There are volunteers in the Broadwater community who work to foster a multicultural society and work towards providing for a comfortable life for people with disabilities. There are those people who demonstrate for change, care for our environment and even man's best friend. I wish to congratulate again Broadwater's Queensland Day award recipients for 2007 and thank their family and friends for the support they offer them by attending Sunday's function. These people inspire us with their drive and dedication, compassion and vigour, commitment and knowledge and we live in a better place because of them.