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## QUEENSLAND DAY, COMMUNITY AWARDS

**Ms PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (6.24 pm): Today is Queensland Day. I am pleased to inform the House that tomorrow the Inala electorate will celebrate Queensland Week by hosting a community barbecue and announcing our 2008 Queensland Day award recipients. The Inala Lions Club will host this event at the Inala Civic Centre from 11 until one. I would like to put on record my thanks to President John Mathison and all of the Lions Club members—Rangi Ross, Val Ross and John Gibson, just to name a few—who will all be helping out on the day.

The South West Progress Association called for nominees for the community awards. I am pleased to say that seven deserving recipients will receive these awards tomorrow. The first is Ann Bailey. I have worked with Ann Bailey on numerous committees, and I just want to say to Ann that I have never seen a more dedicated, hardworking local person in our community. She currently holds an executive position in over half a dozen community organisations including the Hub Neighbourhood Centre, the Durack Ambulance Committee and the South West Legal Service. Ann simply gets on with the job. She attends nearly every Inala community event and is always in the background making sandwiches, helping those in need or looking after someone who is experiencing difficulties.

The next recipients are Connie and Ray Dailey. Everyone in Inala can fondly remember when our own Mr and Mrs Claus used to visit children over the Christmas period and give gifts to those children less fortunate than others. Sadly, Ray Dailey passed away last year after a long illness. Ray, we will all miss you but tomorrow we will honour you.

Nida Cuzzolaro is our next award recipient. Nida has over the years worked tirelessly for the Filipino community in our region. She is involved in the Filipino language school that operates at Glenala.

Keith Brown has been a tennis journalist for around 50 years. He has always encouraged young people to take up sport, and many people would not have played Catholic tennis if it were not for the persistence of Keith Brown.

Jim Horsfall Snr is one of those rare people you meet who is involved in every community organisation. At only 80 years of age, Jim is at every community event in Inala. Jim lives with his wife, Myrtle, in Durack, and I can think of no-one better to receive this Queensland Day award.

Finally, Anthony Martin-Espada has been involved with the Spanish community and has volunteered at many events over the years. Anthony is always willing to lend a hand. Congratulations, Anthony.

This year I have decided to award five extra awards that recognise community service. The first goes to Uncle Kevin Bond, who is a mentor for young Indigenous children in our region. Last Friday night he, along with the other Inala elders, hosted a welcome reception for Stylin'Up. Young children from Hope Vale, Cherbourg, Logan and surrounding areas had come to Inala for this weekend celebration. Unfortunately, due to the weather, the event, which usually attracts over 20,000 people, was cancelled.

The other recipients are: Jill Hollis, who runs the Inala Day Respite Centre; Ethel Murray, from the Salvation Army, who established the Alani Association for seniors in our community who are over 50—well

done, Ethel; and, finally, Shannon Cullen and Natalie Blacklock. Shannon was last year's youth representative for Inala and Natalie is this year's representative. Congratulations to all the winners. I thank the member for Clayfield for his indulgence.