



Speech by

Hon. Cameron Dick

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Hon. CR DICK (Greenslopes—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations) (10.01 pm): On 10 September I hosted a morning tea at the Holland Park bowls club for about 50 local Greenslopes Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declaration to thank them for their dedication and contribution to the local community. At this function I presented a number of certificates of recognition to JPs who generously give their time to the JPs in the Community program at the Holland Park Courthouse. Queensland's JPs perform vital work for the community. So it is important that the public can access them easily. The successful JPs in the Community program helps address this need by locating JPs in public areas throughout the state, such as courthouses, shopping centres and hospitals.

There are more than 1,088 registered JPs and Commissioners for Declarations in the Greenslopes electorate, including those who generously commit their own time to operate the JPs in the Community site at Holland Park Courthouse.

The certificates of recognition presented at this morning tea were an acknowledgement of the distinguished service performed by Justices of the Peace in the Greenslopes electorate. As all honourable members would know, I am a strong supporter of volunteerism and in today's hectic world, commitment to volunteering, which is at its heart what being a JP is all about, cannot be undervalued.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the following JPs in the Community volunteers for their dedication in helping the people of the Greenslopes Community at the Holland Park Courthouse: Geoffrey Dean, Peter Stirk, Michael Clarke, Karilyn Ball, Viola Healy, Martin Quinlan, Kristina Romer, Allan Sauer, Jane Sefton, Lynette Coppock and Rosalyn Eden. The JPs in the Community service at the Holland Park Courthouse, which is situated at the corner of Logan Road and Marshall Road at Holland Park, operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 am to 1 pm. I encourage all citizens of the Greenslopes electorate to use this important service when they are in need of the assistance of a JP or a Commissioner for Declaration.

At the JPs morning tea, I presented Mr Steve Rowen with a certificate acknowledging 50 years of valuable service as a JP for the Greenslopes community. I want to thank Steve for his contribution to the Greenslopes electorate, not just as a JP but also in other capacities in the community. I would also like to acknowledge the exceptional achievement of one of Greenslopes treasures, Mrs Hilma Hornick, who has contributed an amazing 62 years to our local community as a JP. Hilma has, in fact, been a JP for so long that the Department of Justice and Attorney-General is now looking for ways to recognise service of 60 years or more by Queensland JPs. I want to thank Mrs Hornick tonight for her contribution to my local community.

The work that Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declaration perform is an important part of Queensland's justice system. I thank all Queensland JPs for their service, particularly those JPs who serve the Greenslopes electorate.