



Speech by

Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk

MEMBER FOR INALA

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CAROLE PARK; QUEENSLAND DAY COMMUNITY AWARDS

Hon. A PALASZCZUK (Inala—ALP) (Minister for Disability Services and Multicultural Affairs) (10.10 pm): I want to raise in the House an issue that I have been dealing with in my electorate in relation to the suburb of Carole Park. I spoke in the House a couple of years ago about this situation and back then I said—

The residents of Carole Park have a problem that needs to be fixed now. The residents of Carole Park, which is located in the City of Brisbane, have an Ipswich postcode—4300. As a consequence, mail can take up to three days to arrive. Residents who attend medical appointments in nearby Inala are told that they are to go to Goodna because Goodna is in the City of Ipswich.

I finally have good news for the House, and the good news is that Carole Park has now got a Brisbane post code and the new area is called Ellen Grove. This is a fantastic win for the local area, and I want to pay special tribute to local community worker Les Mullins. Les Mullins was out there raising this issue for years and years. He was knocking on everyone's doors such as Australia Post. He was talking to federal members. He was talking to councillors. He was talking to everybody. He organised community consultations. He was desperate for Carole Park to have a Brisbane post code, and finally his efforts have been recognised.

Mr Reeves: What's the number?

Ms PALASZCZUK: It is now Ellen Grove—4078. It is a fantastic outcome. Recently the local community came together and celebrated the fact that it is no longer part of Ipswich. It is a great outcome for the community and a great outcome for Les.

The other issue I want to raise in the House is the Queensland Day Community Awards, which were held last Saturday as part of Queensland Week at the Hotel Richlands in my electorate and which was attended by over 140 people. On the day over 20 local people were honoured for their contribution to the local community. Increasing volunteering rates is one of our top priorities, and it was great to see so many local people who do so much good in the local community being recognised by receiving a certificate signed personally by the Premier and a medallion to recognise their services.

This is a fantastic initiative. I would encourage other members to recognise volunteers in their communities as part of Queensland Week activities. It is a great way to say, 'Thank you. On behalf of the Queensland government, thank you for the work that you do in our local community. We want to give you a small token of appreciation for your efforts.' With those few words, I seek leave to have incorporated in *Hansard* the names of the recipients of the Queensland Day Community Awards for this year so that their names are there forever.

Leave granted.

Queensland Day and Community Awards 2010

Recipients

Marjorie Tonkin
Marlene Perham

Dell Carden
Joanne Robinson
Edna Britten
Jill Eyears
Jillian Stewart
Barbara Neilson
Dorothy Forbes
Maureen Folster
Mark Starkey
Margaret Cowlshaw
Kristine Parkinson
Lynette Colburn
Brian Algeo
Gatbleen Easte
Carol Macqueen
Allan Seppanen
Kay Strachan
Kay Hartwig
Shirley Schneider
Catherine Prestidge
Zena Seppanen