




Speech by

Hon. Cameron Dick

MEMBER FOR GREENSLOPES

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GREENSLOPES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Greenslopes—ALP) (Minister for Education and Industrial Relations) (8.45 pm): I rise this evening to talk about the people who are the heart and soul of every community—volunteers and community workers. In the state electorate of Greenslopes we are blessed to have some wonderful people who work in the service of others. These people give up their valuable time to help out at schools, sporting clubs, historical groups, charities and carer organisations. The hard work that many people do in and around the electorate of Greenslopes often takes place well away from the spotlight with little or no recognition and reward. However, without the contribution of those people who are and remain community minded, the range and quality of services on offer on the south side would be significantly diminished. This includes caring services, the opportunity to help others play sport and get physically active, school funding campaigns mounted by P&Cs, the local histories being preserved by historical and heritage groups and countless other services.

I feel very strongly about these pillars of our community and that is why in 2010, the 50th anniversary of the election of the first state member for Greenslopes, I inaugurated the Greenslopes Community Service Awards. I am pleased to advise that the awards have continued in 2011, a year when we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the United Nations International Year of Volunteers. This special year is another opportunity to say thank you to the millions of people around the world who devote their time to helping others. That is what we did in the Greenslopes electorate on 6 November 2011. The awards provide an opportunity to get the community together to acknowledge the work of some terrific southsiders. It was a great way of saying thank you to those people who put others first.

A total of 32 recipients were recognised at the awards ceremony. All of the award recipients have made a considerable contribution to their chosen organisations and have left the Greenslopes electorate a richer community for their efforts. Each and every one of them has devoted their time to assist, support, care for, encourage, fundraise for, organise, mentor and even cook for others. Each and every one of them is appreciated by their neighbours, their peers, their colleagues and their fellow Greenslopes residents. Each and every one of them is helping our vibrant community prosper. On behalf of everyone in the Greenslopes electorate I say thank you.

I would also like to mention the efforts of the volunteers who make the awards possible. The award winners were drawn from community nominations and selected by an independent committee led by the community chair, Holland Park State School community liaison officer Karen Oliver. The committee involved former World War II prisoner Cyril Gilbert OAM, president of Heart Support Australia, Mrs Pat Laugher, and academic and distinguished Aboriginal elder and Greenslopes resident, Dr Robert Anderson OAM. On behalf of the Greenslopes electorate I would like to thank the committee and all of the winners for their service to our community. Having previously consulted the Speaker, I seek leave to incorporate into the record of proceedings the complete list of winners of the 2011 Greenslopes Community Service Awards.

Leave granted.

2011 Greenslopes Community Service Awards winners:

Fern Woodward, from Australian Red Cross, Mt Gravatt Branch
Lyla Thiele, from St Bartholomew's Anglican Church
Robyn Northcott, from Carers Queensland, Young Carers Program
Roslyn Fleming, from Carers Queensland, Carer Advisory Service
Robert and Kathryn Stewart, Coorparoo RSL and Community Club
Vera Brimelow, Diggers Dozen, Greenslopes Private Hospital
Chris Newton, Face 2 Face Foundation
Olive Volz, Greenslopes Ladies Bowls Club
Laurel Walker, Holland Park and Districts Meals on Wheels
Dorothy Pollard, Holland Park and Districts Meals on Wheels
Alan and Sonja Hellier, Holland Park-Mt Gravatt RSL Sub-Branch
Desley McConnell, Holland Park State School
Steve Rowan, Justice of the Peace
Michelle Steel, Majestic Park Scout Group
Nancy Cox-Millner, Mt Gravatt Community Centre Inc
Leila Bourke, Mt Gravatt District Historical Association
Del Kent, Neighbourhood Watch, Camp Hill
Keith Reichmann, Neighbourhood Watch, Coorparoo
Pat Mitchell, Our Lady of Mt Carmel School
Marie Mitchell, Seville Road State School
Katrina Young, Seville Road State School
Stuart Bennett, Seville Road State School
Emma Borelli, Seville Road State School
Nell Dickson, Seville Road State School
Katie Cox, Seville Road State School
Sharon Whip, Seville Road State School
Christine Nugent, Stepping Stone Clubhouse
Mavi Camp-Trigger, Survivors of Suicide Bereavement Support Association
Adele Stonel, SPELD Qld
Ross Frassetto, Volunteers in Policing
Sallymatu Aderonmu-Apooyin, Wanwod Association of Queensland.