



Speech by


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### BARNES, MR F; COLLARD, MR B

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (10.56 pm): On behalf of the people of the Coomera electorate, I offer condolences to all those who have suffered in these horrific natural disasters. There are some amazing people in the northern Gold Coast and southern Logan areas. At the risk of missing many, I am compelled to mention just a few.

One such person is Frank Barnes OBE. We joke about Frank Barnes OBE—'over blinkin' eighty'. Frank is a guy who has been around for many years. In fact, I first met him when he was the chaplain at the Beenleigh State High School, before there were school chaplains in any number. He was paid for a day a week and worked five days a week. If it is about youth, as far as Frank is concerned it is about him. So he was right in there looking after these young people. He now coordinates the school chaplains in the area. He is the Police Citizens Youth Club rouseabout. By that I mean he is the chef, the waiter and the organiser. In fact, he organises and runs the Beenleigh Junior Chamber of Commerce—and the list goes on.

Frank does not know this, and he will probably be cranky when it happens, but tomorrow morning at the Beenleigh-Yatala Chamber of Commerce breakfast Frank is going to be honoured by those who appreciate him and his efforts—for all that he has done and continues to do—for the Police Citizens Youth Club. They are going to cause this man's name to be recognised forever. From tomorrow the extensive commercial kitchen area in the Police Citizens Youth Club will be known as the 'Frank Barnes Kitchen'. Of course, Frank is still around so it is not going to be the 'Frank Barnes Memorial Kitchen'. However, I dare say that at some time in the future we are all going to fall off our twig—and so will Frank. His name will live on in the Beenleigh area for many years to come. It is a fitting tribute to the man who has meant so much to the youth of the area.

Brian Collard was born on 17 December 1943 and he passed away suddenly last Saturday afternoon. Together with the member for Albert I attended a celebration of Brian's life today, as did some 600 to 800 people—the celebration of the life of Brian, and what a life it was! For almost 50 years he did so much for the people in and around the area of Beenleigh, Woongoolba and all of the other areas that are joined. Brian leaves behind his wife, June, sons David, Anthony, Timothy and Matthew, together with his daughters-in-law and 11 grandchildren. Clearly he touched so many lives, as is evidenced by the number in attendance. I am sure all members join me in passing my condolences to June and his family.