




Speech by

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SPRINGWOOD ELECTORATE

 **Ms STONE** (Springwood—ALP) (10.14 pm): It has been a busy time in the Springwood electorate, with the many community groups that service the area doing amazing work. I recently visited the Logan East SES and presented them with a new Queensland flag. There were a large number of volunteers there for a combined training evening. It was great to see the group has a large number of females and a variety of ages involved—all of them bringing a range of skills, knowledge and experience to the group. They have been very busy attending to those in need of assistance due to storm damage, looking for missing persons and of course undertaking their training sessions. It is comforting to know that we have these brave men and women ready to assist us when we need them. In Logan City we can be very proud of our 'Orange Angels'.

It is that time of year again when the wonderful schools in the Springwood electorate are holding school leaders ceremonies and Parents and Citizens Associations and Parents and Friends Associations are holding meetings and many of them are holding their AGMs. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all school leaders and wish all schools a successful 2012.

There are a number of projects happening in our schools thanks to the hard work of the P&Cs and P&Fs, and I congratulate those who received Gambling Community Benefit Fund grants. Just one example is Springwood Road State School, which received some money to instal a prep playground, which I am looking forward to seeing soon. P&Cs and P&Fs members work hard, and I wish them a successful 2012.

When I said it has been busy, I meant it. It has been planting 30,000 trees busy in fact. I am very pleased to inform the House that Daisy Hill Conservation Park has increased by 127 hectares. The Priestdale property which joins up with the park was purchased last year. Minister Vicky Darling and I—and I am pleased the minister is in the House tonight—had the pleasure of planting the last of the 30,000 trees.

An honourable member interjected.

Ms STONE: We did. We had a wonderful time.

Mr Foley: How did you go with the other 29,999?

Ms STONE: We had good officers to do that for us, and I am about to thank them because they did a whole lot of work. They removed around five kilometres of barbwire fencing and old sheds, and they cleaned up weeds. They certainly have made a big difference to that former farmland. In fact it certainly is a great milestone for delivering the necessary food and shelter for Queensland's vulnerable koala population.

Of course in the last few weeks there have been many busy sign-on days for our Springwood sports clubs. I also want to wish all the sporting clubs in the electorate a successful year. Without the hard work of volunteers they would not exist. Thanks to all those who put in many hours to ensure sport is available in

our suburbs. We are extremely lucky to have a wide range of sports available in the Springwood electorate due to volunteers' hard work and commitment.

There will be a lot of pink at Homestead Park this weekend as the Springwood Suns Cricket Club participate in the McGrath Foundation Pink Stumps Day. I am looking forward to assisting the club in their fundraising and participating in the pink games that will be taking place.

Lastly I would like to thank Springwood Centro for their new Justice of the Peace booth. It is going to provide a better working area for our volunteer JPs, who are providing a service that is greatly appreciated by the community.

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