




Speech by
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SES VOLUNTEERS

 **Mrs SCOTT** (Woodridge—ALP) (3.42 pm): In 2011 our SES volunteers shone—truly ‘ordinary people doing extraordinary things’. In November I represented the Hon. Neil Roberts along with Rowena Richardson, Director of Policy and Performance Branch, and the regional director, Eddie Bennett, to present in excess of 60 SES awards.

Meritorious service medals and clasps were awarded to 23 recipients for 10, 15 and 20 years; Ian Ross of Logan Central, 25 years; Michael Pipe of Logan East, 30 years. Arie Van den Ende of Ipswich, Andrew Millar of Marburg, John McVeigh of Ipswich and Richard Bale of Logan Central received meritorious service medal clasps for a magnificent 35 years. National medals and clasps were awarded to eight recipients for 15 years—Ian Ross for 25 years and Arie Van den Ende, Andrew Millar, John McVeigh and Allen Dennis, who hails from Logan, for 35 years.

SES Week Awards went to Anne-Marie Andrew, Matthew Keeble, Wayne Fournier of the Gold Coast, Tahnee Donka, Graham Taylor, Josh Stumer of the Scenic Rim, Paul Williams and Terry Mitchell of Somerset, Cassie Hart and Trent Becker of Logan, and Robert Probst, Howard Hancock, Jason Daniels and Elizabeth Suhr of Ipswich.

Our cadet units ensure a bright future for the SES, and achievement awards went to Joel Whitehead, Tyrone Rumble, Jack-Thomas Connew, George Connew of Somerset, Sarah Carpenter and Morgan Roberts of the Scenic Rim and Skye-Louise Hirsch and Corey Armstrong of Brisbane. The Group Award was presented to Logan Cadets. Ipswich team was the winner of the Regional Operations of the Year. Regional Unit of the Year went to the Gold Coast, and Paul Guy of Logan was recognised as Regional Member of the Year. Our heartfelt thanks goes to all of these recipients, but also to each and every member of the SES who served their community with great courage in very trying circumstances.

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