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## **WOODRIDGE ELECTORATE, PROGRAMS**

 **Mrs SCOTT** (Woodridge—ALP) (9.36 pm): Tonight I wish to pay tribute to one of our most trusted and effective youth services, the PCYC, and in particular the four PCYCs in Logan City. Widely known as one of the most successful clubs in Queensland, the Logan Central club occupies the most inadequate and antiquated building, which is bursting at the seams. We are hopeful that one day we may see a sparkling, bright, new, large building to increase the club size. However, the work that is done in that space is simply remarkable. The usual gymnastics, dance and many other activities are regulars.

I particularly want to bring to the attention of the House tonight a very innovative program devised by Sergeant Rachel Whitford to assist our young people who have difficulty attaining the 100 hours required to get their P-plates. Seed funding was received from DEEWR and DEEDI for the Breaking the Cycle program, which commenced in June. Rachel has been hugely successful in attracting volunteers to assist with this program. I have now heard her twice on ABC Radio outlining the vision to assist young people, many of whom are from disadvantaged backgrounds with little hope of attaining the required 100 hours. Listeners quickly warmed to the idea and very soon Rachel had a number of people willing to assist. Two cars were donated by the ASU and we now have over 20 young people on their way to being able to work towards being licensed, thus assisting those requiring a licence for employment to overcome one very significant obstacle. To date, 96 driving hours have been totalled and it is hoped that this program will be able to be sustained as this is one of the very real barriers that many young people face when seeking employment.

Funding has also been provided in conjunction with the Logan Child Protection Investigation Unit of the QPS to run a Child Protection Week program called Elf. Elf was the miniature horse dragged behind a car in Grantham who has now been rehabilitated. This program is to encourage young people to feel safe to talk about issues that have hurt or affected them.

There are so many wonderful programs I could talk about. The Tudor Park facility has a youth worker working on three different youth programs. The Duke of Edinburgh program, the Team Up program and 15 other activities regularly happen at that centre. The Crestmead centre, which is our newest centre and is also in my electorate, has many, many innovative programs. I just want to commend each worker there and the volunteers in particular.

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