




Speech by  
**John Grant**

**MEMBER FOR SPRINGWOOD**

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## **LOGAN EAST COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION**

 **Mr GRANT** (Springwood—LNP) (11.06 pm): I rise tonight to speak on the Logan East Community Neighbourhood Association, otherwise known as LECNA—a community centre located in the heart of my electorate of Springwood. I want to pay credit to Colleen Benson and Julie Fursey, their staff and many volunteers who serve our community from this centre. I recall the magnificent services provided by Colleen and Julie back when there was no funding at all from the state government. They worked for the love of others and forged a community centre which became a really positive influence on others in far-flung centres within Logan.

**Mr Rickuss:** Where is it?

**Mr GRANT:** Logan East, in Springwood. The Logan East Community Neighbourhood Association is currently having extensions added to their office space, and funding for this project has come from the federal government, \$100,000; the state government, \$50,000; and Logan City Council, \$60,000, with more still to come.

I thank those who provide this valuable support to the community from this centre. The following services give a good idea of the benefits they deliver: a living skills program; Butterfly Wings Caring and Sharing Parenting Program; broadband for seniors; a no-interest loan scheme for low-income earners; counselling on relationships, grief and suicide; JP service; legal information service; referrals service; basic budgeting courses; emergency relief programs; board and card games for the elderly; Queen Bees craft group for older Australians; cancer support group; Krank school holiday program; playgroups for the littlies; and Spring Bubs. Other facilities available from the centre are amputees and family support, Centrelink's mobile service and men's shed night. I commend to the House the people of Logan East Community Neighbourhood Association.