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COOMERA ELECTORATE, AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (10.17 pm): Australia Day always gives us the opportunity to recognise and show our appreciation to those individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution to our community—ordinary people doing extraordinary things. It was my pleasure recently to announce and present the Coomera electorate's very own 'dedicated commitment Australia Day awards 2012'.

Our senior citizen is Peter Opperman. The Twin Rivers Community Mallet Sports Club nominated Peter, the volunteer groundsman at the Oliver Sports Complex cricket oval. The oval is used by both Logan District Cricket Association and the Twin Rivers Community Mallet Sports Club. Peter has dedicated many hours over 25 years to the maintenance of the oval, including establishing four full-sized courts for the mallet sports club. He was also instrumental in building the clubhouse, fencing the oval and installing the sight boards. His dedication and commitment has ensured that the oval is maintained in outstanding condition at all times.

Our citizen is Norm Jessen. Norm has been an inspiration to others in our community and an inspirational leader, working tirelessly for the benefit of the community. In particular, Norm is president of the Ormeau Lions Club and has been the driving force behind the Ormeau Fair for the past five years. Norm led by example in his vision to bring the community together and gained the support of so many in the business community, schools and local community groups.

Our young citizen is Kelsie James. Kelsie's community spirit is shown through her tireless efforts volunteering her time for those in need—always above and beyond the call of duty. Kelsie is a good role model for all young people. Her leadership qualities and willingness to always lend a hand to those in need are recognised and commended by all who know her. Through Highway Christian Church Kelsie works with year 12 girls, mentoring them and helping them develop their full potential.

Our community group is the Lions Club of Ormeau. The award was accepted by Boyd Evans, the secretary. The Lions Club of Ormeau is a valued organisation. It continues to volunteer its members' time and energy to the local and wider community, providing support for the local community second to none. In particular, the members have worked tirelessly in their efforts over the past five years in the organisation of the Ormeau Fair. Ultimately, \$40,000 was donated to the community this year alone as a direct result of the efforts of the Ormeau Lions Club and those who support the fair. In addition, they have been instrumental in bringing the Ormeau community together.

Our business not-for-profit citizens award went to Twin Rivers Centre. Pastor Reuben Roos accepted the award on behalf of Twin Rivers Centre, which is a dedicated and passionate organisation that has helped many adults, youth and family in the community by offering hope, support and love. The services they provide and the help they give to their community on a day-to-day basis have made a difference to so many. Their vision to be a house of hope, providing support to the Eagleby community and beyond, has been evident for many, many years.