




Speech By
Stephen Bennett

MEMBER FOR BURNETT

ADJOURNMENT

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 **Mr BENNETT** (Burnett—LNP) (4.28 pm): It is with much pleasure that I share my region's appreciation and gratitude to Superintendent Rowan Thomas Bond. Rowan Bond joined the Queensland Police Service, or 'the force' as it was back then, on 14 January 1974. Rowan completed his cadetship on 10 December 1976 but was still too young to graduate and served at Redcliffe as a graduate cadet in the recruiting and traffic prosecutions branch. Rowan Bond was finally sworn in on 14 October 1977.

Rowan Bond then commenced his police career in the Rockhampton district. He worked in general duties, the traffic branch, the education and training branch, and the intelligence branch. Rowan had a passion for motorcycles and it was during this time that he spent many years riding the police motorcycle. He served in the Rockhampton traffic branch from May 1979 to 1993.

In 1999, Rowan Bond attained the rank of inspector and became the regional traffic coordinator for the Rockhampton Police District. In September 2004, Rowan Bond transferred to the Gladstone Police District as the district officer. During his time at Gladstone, he managed the tilt train derailment in 2004. In January 2007, Rowan Bond was promoted to superintendent and transferred to Mackay as the district officer. Rowan Bond received the Australian Police Medal in 2010.

On 15 December 2010, Rowan Bond transferred to the Bundaberg Police District and commenced as the Bundaberg district officer. He has been involved in the Bundaberg flood event of 2010-2011 and the unprecedented flood event of 2013. During his service, Rowan has been heavily involved in the Adopt-a-Cop program, Neighbourhood Watch and the PCYC.

Superintendent Bond retires from the Queensland Police Service on 14 June 2013. He has dedicated 39 years and five months to the community of Queensland. In the Bundaberg region, we all benefited from the innovation of and the manner in which policing has progressed under the leadership and guidance of the humble and likeable Superintendent Rowan Bond.

I take this opportunity to personally wish Rowan and his wife, Robyn, all the very best in whatever endeavours they pursue. Knowing that they have made the Bundaberg region their home, as a community we will benefit immensely from their presence. Superintendent Rowan Bond, thank you.