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## ADJOURNMENT

### Coomera Electorate, Australia Day Awards

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (10.17 pm): It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Coomera electorate Australia Day awards for 2014 have just been announced. Our Dedicated Commitment Award, as we call it, has been an outstanding success in the community for the last few years. Our young person award recipient is Tyson Gooda. He has worked tirelessly in the community for the last four years, helping to regenerate roadside verges which have many endangered plant species, fixing up the parks in and around the area and assisting MAD. Who are MAD you might ask? Making a Difference—an organisation that has been in Beenleigh for many, many years and making a difference right across the community. He is also working for the Salvos helping to lift heavy furniture. He is an honest young Australian who really deserves a pat on the back for being such a considerate and polite young man. Congratulations to Tyson Gooda.

The senior citizen award recipient is Mary McGrath. She has been a member of the Ormeau Lions Club since 1991. Mary has held the positions of president and secretary and has been a board member for 20 years. She has worked on the original Lions Country Fair and now the annual Ormeau Lions Fair. Mary is a terrific supporter of the local community. She was made a life member of the Lions Club Ormeau in June 2013.

Corina Profke is our citizen award recipient. She is dedicated to the Coomera Rivers State School—my newest primary school. She spent 27 years working in the Department of Education, Training and Employment. She is now the P&C President, a position she has held since the school opened in 2011. She invests around eight hours each day, 40 hours a week, in a voluntary capacity on top of her executive role. She receives no financial compensation whatsoever. She just adores the job, adores the school and adores the outcomes that the school is achieving. It is quite an amazing new school.

Jennifer Maroney is the community citizen award recipient. She runs the Soul Centre, which is a community pantry at Upper Coomera. It is a not-for-profit service providing the whole of the local community with a low-cost alternative to fresh and packaged food for domestic items. She is a fantastic lady who does a terrific job.

Mary McCallum is the citizen—'Lest We Forget' award recipient because she has spent the last 15 years ensuring that all of the locals know that Anzac Day is a special day for all of those people who have lost loved ones in the local community.

Suffice to say that all of the people that I have spoken of, and others that I would like to talk about but do not have the time, have been absolutely worthwhile recipients of the Coomera electorate dedicated commitment award.