




Speech By
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Gaythorne RSL Volunteers Appreciation Dinner; McIntyre, Mr DJ

 **Hon. TL MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Minister for Housing and Public Works) (10.20 pm): I had the great pleasure last Friday night to be the guest speaker at the Gaythorne RSL volunteers appreciation dinner that is put on every year by the president, Merv Brown, to recognise the great contribution that volunteers have made in the community, especially those associated with the RSL. There was a sad note that night, because one volunteer who had been working with the RSL for many, many years was not there because he had recently passed away.

Mr Douglas James McIntyre was a man from my electorate who has made an amazing contribution to the community in a number of ways. It was great to see in the recent Australia Day awards that he was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia, an OAM, something that was thoroughly deserved. Unfortunately, he passed away just a few days after receiving that award. He received the award for service to the transport industry and to the community. Let me mention just a few of his contributions to the transport industry.

He was the founder and owner of McIntyre Freight Lines; he pioneered a daily direct road service between Brisbane and Darwin; he introduced general freight road trains and built the Darwin transport terminal for freight distribution across the Top End; he established a road transport service from Brisbane to Doomadgee Mission in remote northern Queensland, changing the lives of the people who live there; and there are many other achievements in the transport industry as well. He not only contributed in that way, but he was also a very hardworking volunteer in the community. He had 35 years service with the Grange Lions Club, holding various positions. He mentored and financially assisted struggling transport companies. He had personal involvement in Anzac Day, for many years providing restored military vehicles to enable ageing veterans to participate in Anzac Day marches. Those same military vehicles were used in the Australian movie *The Sapphires*, which is just an interesting aside. He volunteered his machinery to the people of Darwin during the Cyclone Tracy clean-up. He supported charities such as the Royal Childrens Hospital Foundation, the Karuna Hospice Service, and the Ilhan Food Allergy Foundation. He had a number of other achievements that were recognised during his lifetime. He was inducted into the Queensland Transport Museum's Legends Hall of Fame in Gatton 2013, and he was inducted into the National Road Transport Hall of Fame in Alice Springs in 2003.

He was much loved by his family, and of course he will be missed by his family and the community. My condolences go to his family, and may he rest in peace.