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 **Mr WATTS** (Toowoomba North—LNP) (11.52 pm): As many members of the House would be aware, last week was the 25th anniversary of National Volunteers Week. John McVeigh, my friend and colleague and part of Toowoomba's team to bring better government to Toowoomba, had the pleasure of hosting many volunteers at the QCWA rooms in Toowoomba and I just wanted to mention the names of a few who are constituents of mine in Toowoomba North. They included Rob Neilson from Lifeline; Ieva Downie from Help a Friend Club; Megan Apalais from the Toowoomba West Special School; Vince White from TOMNET, The Older Mens Network; Nick Ryan from Toowoomba Clubhouse; Ros Dryden from the West Toowoomba Croquet Club; Merv Symons from the Lions Club of Toowoomba West, which does a great light show in Toowoomba; Keith Hannigan from Bridge Street Resort Village; Ray Addison from Friends of the Escarpment Parks; Travis Rex from Teen Challenge; Des Hillberg from the Toowoomba Tennis Association; Alma Rush from the Newtown P&C Association; Valda Hills from the Toowoomba Citizens Anzac Day Commemoration Committee; Ron Tillack from the Toowoomba Lapidary Club; Kaye Edmonstone from the Toowoomba Basketball Association; Harry Spencer, a former coach of mine and a good friend of mine, from the Toowoomba Basketball Association and who also celebrated 50 years of coaching basketball that day; Dorothy Glover from the Toowoomba Hospice Association; Val Cairncross from the Toowoomba Hospice Association; Brian Dornbusch from the Toowoomba Hospice Association; Sister Una McGarry from the Toowoomba Hospice Association; and Norm Jenner from the Toowoomba Hospice Association. Obviously, that is a great facility in my electorate that has many volunteers to provide a wonderful service.

It is also worth mentioning that there are many other volunteers out there in the community who offer their services to the community on a weekly basis. On 23 April John McVeigh and I attended the Toowoomba Lions Club 60th anniversary dinner. I want to acknowledge the hard work of the committee and the hard work of many committees over that 60 years. I thank President Margaret Stark for our invitation, Vice-President Rod Tillotson and Treasurer Catherine Davies. It was a pleasure to meet District Governor Rob Craig as well. Life memberships were passed out to a past president and a member for over 40 years in Les Toleman, who used to sell cars in Toowoomba, and the first female president, Glenda Orford. The long service award recipient was Albert Rogers. The James D Richardson Honour Award was given to Ros Yorkston. The Toowoomba Lions Club is one of the oldest Lions Clubs in Australia and was formed in 1954. It has done so many things for the people of Toowoomba and I just wanted to acknowledge it here tonight.