




Speech By
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Hall, Mr B

 **Ms HOWARD** (Ipswich—ALP) (10.15 pm): I rise to speak about an outstanding member of my electorate. It is difficult to imagine an honour better deserved than the 2015 Ipswich Citizen of the Year Award, which was bestowed this year on my constituent Brian Hall. Brian, who resides in Raceview in my electorate, is a man who believes that if you belong to the community you should give something back to the community. It was fantastic to see his tireless work on behalf of the Ipswich community recognised at this year's Ipswich City Awards in Ipswich.

Brian has played a key role in a variety of organisations, and his selfless service continues to this day. During the 1960s, when Brian ran a service station at Bundamba, he helped form a service station association and became a board member of the Motor Trades Association. When his wife Glenda suggested that he should become more involved with his children's schooling, Brian attended a meeting of the East Ipswich State School P&C. Brian says his numerous suggestions during the meeting caused him to be drafted as secretary for the Ipswich East State School War Memorial Fund Pool Building Committee, and he was instrumental in acquiring the funds necessary to build the school pool.

Brian's proudest achievement is his work on behalf of the Ipswich Labor movement through his long association with Ipswich Trades Hall, including his years as secretary treasurer after the completion of the new building during the Ipswich mall construction in the mid-1980s. He was the founding president of the Ipswich Workers Club and was photographed by the *Queensland Times* presenting the then mayor, Des Freeman, with membership card No. 1. He later served as secretary manager of the Workers Club for about 13 years.

Brian is president of the local National Service Men's Association, a member of the Railway Sub-Branch of the RSL and a board member of Barnabas House, which is a home in Durack for people with disabilities. Brian also volunteers at Trinity Uniting Church and served as president of the Ipswich local ambulance service for many years.

Brian says that the award came as a surprise, as he sees the things he does as nothing special; he is just someone who has helped out where help was needed. I disagree. It is people like Brian who are the role models in our society, and I was delighted and proud to see him named the 2015 Ipswich Citizen of the Year.