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Harrington, Mrs J; National Volunteer Week

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (8.35 pm): I am delighted to rise here tonight to talk about an outstanding member of my local community, Mrs Joan Harrington. Joan wears many hats. She is a dedicated professional running our local courthouse JP service with great efficiency. Joan is also a published author and historian and the archivist at Manly State School.

Joan, together with her book team of Heather Grainer, Ruth Addley and Lyn Husband, documented and produced the *Manly State School 1910-2010 Centenary Book*. This book, in the words of Manly State School Principal, Dan Crowley, provided an insight into the past, the changes that have marked history and the people who called Manly State School their school.

Mrs Harrington's latest book, *They Played the Game*, which also happens to be the school motto, is a collection of stories of past students and teachers of Manly State School, all of whom served Australia in times of war. It is a timely reminder in the 100th anniversary year of the Anzacs. *They Played the Game* tells the stories of brave young men and women—Manly State School students—who once played in the playground and teachers who swapped a classroom for the battlefield. All of them answered the call to defend our country when war broke out. *They Played the Game* covers the conflicts of World War I and World War II and the Vietnam conflict.

Mrs Harrington was inspired to write this book as she retold the stories of the past students and teachers to the current Manly State School students and saw the interest of students and their families in the exploits of past students and teachers. The stories give a wonderful insight into the lives of the service men and women—great stories of courage and sacrifice.

I thank Mrs Harrington, as does the Manly State School community, for her thorough research and dedication in acknowledging those who served our country during times of conflict. I have presented a copy of *They Played the Game* to the Queensland Parliamentary Library so that all members can have access to this publication.

On another note, I had the honour of attending a thankyou afternoon at Lota State School. This lovely school community has a wonderful group of volunteers—parents, grandparents and even neighbours of the school—who volunteer on a daily basis. This is typical of the great members of the Lytton community who volunteer at schools and community groups, such as Sailability and ARAD to name just a few. I want to acknowledge the wonderful work of each and every volunteer in Lytton during National Volunteer Week.