




Speech By
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 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy and Minister for Small Business) (12.46 am): I am lucky enough to live in and serve the electorate of Algester, where so many people go above and beyond, giving their time and energy to help others. Over the past number of weeks I have been privileged to be able to recognise some truly inspirational community members in my electorate of Algester and take part in some wonderful community events.

Late last month the Forest Lake Lions held their third annual Walk with Lions fundraiser. Hundreds of local supporters walked around the lake, raising funds this year for a wonderful organisation Red Kite and the prevention of children's cancer. Congratulations to all members of the Forest Lake Lions, including the previous past president Barbara Rendic and incoming president Jonathan Slack, on yet another successful event.

I inform the House that last year I made a deal with the Forest Lake Heritage Community Bank manager, Mr Mark Newman, that we would both dress as a superhero for the event and, to the amusement of many, we did just that.

An honourable member interjected.

Ms ENOCH: Supergirl. Last week it was my honour to celebrate the dedication and bravery of police officers from the Browns Plains Police Station situated in Hillcrest. Constable Michael McEwan and Constable Daniel Kelly were presented with the Assistant Commissioner Certificate of Appreciation after saving a man's life in nearby Regents Park. Inspector Mick Dowdy received the 35-year clasp to the Queensland Police Service Medal. These police officers have proudly served the community and they do our community proud.

This past weekend I was delighted to host a ceremony acknowledging the inaugural Algester Queensland Week Award recipients. Queensland Week allows us to shine a light onto the quiet achievers, those who go above and beyond what is expected of them because they know that it makes a difference. These award recipients come from across the Algester electorate, from different organisations and walks of life, but each of them is a community champion contributing to making the local community in Algester and Queensland a better place. Whether through supporting students and their families in school, providing social services, facilitating the benefits of sport or helping raise money for the community and charities, the inaugural award recipients are truly inspirational.

I have been honoured to experience firsthand the hard work and dedication our inaugural recipients display and was pleased to recognise them. The recipients recognised on the day included: Michael Mitchell from Algester Parkinson Lions; Stephen Wallace, the Deputy Principal of Boronia Heights State School; Phil Manitta, the Principal of St Stephens Catholic Primary School; Reverend

Russell Reynoldson of the Uniting Church Forest Lake; Courtney Smith, the Vice President of Algester State School P&C; Gavin Rook, previous past president of the Grand Avenue State School P&C; Lauren Sturges, the Deputy Principal at Pallara State School; Garry Dunne, the President of Calamvale Leopards; Maria Becis, the founder of Run 4 Kids; and Ken Houliston, the Executive Director of the Spot. I hope that in years to come these awards will grow as we receive more nominations to be able to recognise more hardworking community members.