




Speech By
Hon. Cameron Dick

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ADJOURNMENT

Logan Electorate, Volunteers

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (6.21 pm): Nothing highlights the spirit of Logan City more than our community's volunteers. Last Saturday I was delighted to attend the Logan City Council's annual Logan Loves Volunteers Thank You Breakfast. I had the opportunity to join the Queensland Governor, the Hon. Paul de Jersey, the Premier and members of our local Labor team, including the members for Waterford, Algester and Logan—and I am delighted to say that the members for Logan and Algester are in the House tonight—to thank the community and our outstanding volunteers for everything they do.

The breakfast is about honouring people who make Logan the most generous community in Queensland. Since 1988, these awards have been highlighting the people who are normally in the background taking care of others, whether it is cleaning, serving meals, delivering fire safety messages or, more recently, helping Logan get back on its feet after the devastation wreaked by ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie. I would like to thank all of them for everything they have done and congratulate those who were nominated and received awards for their compassion and commitment to the Logan community. This includes Trent Becker, the winner of the special Frank Lenz Memorial Award for Volunteer of the Year. I also want to recognise Marama Kelly, who volunteers at the Logan Central Library and the Woodridge North State School, both in the electorate of Woodridge.

There are a number of volunteers who I know personally, and I would like to formally recognise the difference they make in the Woodridge electorate in particular by putting their names on the parliamentary record. I want to thank my friends from the Logan House Fire Support Network, Christine and Louie Naumovski. I want to recognise the members of the Crestmead Neighbourhood Watch group, including Geoff and Wendy Smith, Kath De Leon, Louie and Christine Naumovski, Wendy Murphy, Shirley Collier, Paul Kennedy, Angela Fisher, Scott and Janet Martin, Christine Baker, Carl and Naomi Harrison and Tony Harrison. This important group was also recognised for their services. Local volunteers in police were recognised, and I would like to acknowledge Andrew Jones, who received an award, along with Pam Cornwall and Graham Nicholson.

I want to acknowledge Michael Tawadros and Alain Guillemain, workers from Access Community Services. Volunteers are all throughout our city. I also want to acknowledge volunteers who assisted as members of our mud army to help clean up our city including: Nigel Munt from Logan Law; Matt Mead, President of the Logan Brothers Junior Rugby League Football Club; the Logan Brothers A Grade Rugby League team; and Marsden State School Deputy Principal, Suzie Stathis. Each year more than 7,000 volunteers in the City of Logan demonstrate the strength of Logan's community spirit. They make me proud to call Logan home.