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 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algeria—ALP) (Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy and Minister for Small Business) (8.56 pm): Last month around 800 people gathered for a Logan City volunteers breakfast to celebrate the amazing work that some 7,000 volunteers do across our community. The Logan Loves Volunteers event, hosted by Logan City Council, honoured the contributions of individuals and groups who give so much of their time and energy to making our community a safe, caring and supportive place to live and work. This year's event had a particular focus on the incredible efforts of Logan volunteers during the recent weather event and subsequent flooding following Tropical Cyclone Debbie.

It was an absolute honour to attend the breakfast along with the Premier; Minister Dick, the member for Woodridge; Minister Fentiman, the member for Waterford; and Linus Power, the member for Logan. In my electorate of Algeester, which takes in a number of Logan City suburbs, there are so many amazing groups and individuals who give so much to our local community, many of whom attended the breakfast. There were groups such as the Hillcrest Neighbourhood Watch, led by president Bob Stack and secretary Margaret Madden, along with dedicated local community members who volunteer their time to bring the community together and promote community safety. There was the Forestdale Neighbourhood Watch, led by a dedicated executive who coordinates activities that have made Forestdale one of the friendliest places to live.

We also had groups like the Boronia Heights State School P&C, Greenbank RSL, our local Volunteers in Policing team and the Browns Plains Police Blue Light Disco, all of whom make such a difference in our community. Boronia Heights State School volunteer Helen Turner, a finalist for the Logan City Volunteer of the Year Award, was nominated for her ongoing contribution to the school's P&C which provides services such as tuckshop, uniform shop and outside-school-hours care as well as organising a number of fundraising events and activities that help bring students, their teachers, families and the broader community together.

Helen is a tireless supporter of her community and can be found at Boronia Heights State School most days either at the tuckshop, writing submissions to various organisations to improve the situations of students or assisting the school's chaplain. She is well respected and much loved by the students, parents and staff at the school. When it comes to gathering support for the school, she is absolutely relentless. She has been the treasurer of the P&C for three years as well as being the head of the fundraising committee for five years. She has worked every school disco, organises Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls at the school, has secured funds for the school's annual outdoor film event—of which I am a proud sponsor—as well as ensuring students regardless of their background have access to a healthy breakfast before starting school, something she has been working with local Logan city councillor Laurie Smith on for some years. Helen Turner is a great example of the warm-hearted, generous nature of volunteers across the Logan community and someone not just Boronia Heights State School is proud of but our entire community is proud of.