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ADJOURNMENT

Dayboro Day

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (1.03 am): The last Sunday in May in my community is always Dayboro Day—the festival when our historic ‘town of yesteryear’ comes alive and showcases the best kind of rural hospitality. This year was particularly special though as Dayboro reached the milestone of turning 150 on Monday, 12 June.

While I am partial to the pineapple pie-eating competition and the waterless raft race, hands down my favourite part of the day is when we recognise the outstanding contribution of Dayboro locals. Chris Green and Deb Dalton are 2017’s Business Achievers with their establishment Terah’s Restaurant who serve up high-quality eats with country hospitality. It is one of my favourite stops for a sit-down meal in town and I have never had a bad one there.

The Bond name is well regarded in our community, being around almost as long as Dayboro itself. It was my pleasure to award Mackenzie Bond Dayboro’s Young Achiever of the year. Mackenzie is an exceptional student with a strong social conscience who speaks out for what she believes in. With a great attitude and disposition, Mackenzie is an asset to the town.

This year two special awards were presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Dayboro community—Chresten Reville, one of our local ambos who in 2008 formed the first responders with the late Craig Ferguson and now serves as the trainer-mentor for the group; and Alf Kennedy, who served as Dayboro’s local police officer from 1982 to 1986 and from 1982 until recently performed the merry duty of delivering lolly bags to local kids at Christmas, working in with local community groups to spread the festive cheer.

Finally, the 2017 residents of the year were Maria and Mark Hansen, who are long-time members of the Dayboro District Progress Association and, up until very recently, were instrumental in all of the Dayboro Day festivities as coordinators and creators of the Antique and Collectables Fair, which runs alongside Dayboro Day and is located at the showgrounds. The festival is a major event in the town and sees approximately 20,000 visitors during the event. Organising it is no mean feat. I take this opportunity to especially recognise Maria, who had an Order of Australia Medal bestowed upon her on Dayboro’s birthday for service to the community. Congratulations, Maria.

Congratulations also to all of the locals who form the team that makes Dayboro Day happen, especially coordinator Laurel Purves, who did an exceptional job and is a delight to work with. In its 150 years, Dayboro has come a long way from its early pioneer days of mainly farmers, timber getters and bullockies. It is a thriving community with a real sense of identity and spirit. It holds a very special place in my heart, as it is the place my husband Reece and I chose to get married. In a Brisbane suburban electorate, you would be hard-pressed to find another community like Dayboro. It is my real honour to represent it every day. Happy birthday, Dayboro!