



Speech By Marty Hunt

MEMBER FOR NICKLIN

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ADJOURNMENT

Nicklin Electorate, Volunteers

Mr HUNT (Nicklin—LNP) (6.12 pm): I rise to acknowledge the incredible community groups in the electorate of Nicklin and the contribution they make to our community, economy and lifestyle. It is timely to acknowledge the volunteers who are the backbone of these amazing community groups as it is National Volunteer Week next week. According to the ABS General Social Survey in 2014, there were at that time 983,200 volunteers in Queensland contributing an estimated \$11.6 billion to the Queensland economy.

On Saturday night Police-Citizens Youth Clubs, PCYC, will hold a gala ball here in Brisbane to celebrate their 70th anniversary. Established in 1948, PCYC will mark 70 years of service to the community—70 years of helping our young people to be all they can be, 70 years of the local police building relationships with young people at risk of getting involved in criminal activities and showing them a better way, with opportunities and support. Prior to my election to this House in November last year I was honoured to have served the previous 17 years as a police sergeant branch manager in this wonderful community organisation.

Since being elected as the member for Nicklin I have met with many impressive groups doing some pretty amazing things. I congratulate all of the community groups in the Nicklin electorate on the work they do. I thank their tireless volunteers. As their elected member I will continue to do all I can to support their endeavours. On Wednesday, 20 June I will be hosting a community groups forum at the PCYC in Nambour with a range of guest speakers who can assist groups with things such as making grant applications and fundraising. I encourage community groups to register their interest in what will be a great forum with my electorate office.

Some of the great local organisations I have met with so far include Cooroy Area Residents' Association, Cooroy Chamber of Commerce, Crushers Leagues Club, Dulong Futures, Genealogy Sunshine Coast, Kenilworth and District Chamber of Commerce, Kenilworth First Response, Mapleton and District Community Association, Mapleton Bowls Club, Mapleton Men's Shed, Nambour Alliance, Nambour Community Centre, Nambour Cricket Club, Nambour Garden Club, Nambour Little Athletics, Nambour Men's Shed, Nambour museum, Nambour & Districts Netball Association, Nambour RSL Sub-Branch, Kureelpa Dulong Neighbourhood Watch, Palmwoods Living History Society, Palmwoods theatrical society, PCYC, Reviving Nambour, STEMM Program, Sunshine Coast Riding for the Disabled, Woombye and Palmwoods Community and Business Association, Yandina and District Community Association Inc., Yandina Eumundi RSL Sub-Branch and more. There are many wonderful organisations in the Nicklin community. I thank the volunteers for their service.