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Gold Coast Community Legal Centre

 **Mr MOLHOEK** (Southport—LNP) (8.03 pm): Recently I had the honour of attending the Gold Coast Community Legal Centre 2018 AGM. It was also an occasion of conferring life membership on a number of longstanding supporters. I would like to acknowledge both the contribution of the centre and these dedicated volunteers on the public record.

Eve Baker joined in 2008 and was a member of the management committee for a number of years. Marj Buckle joined in 1987 and, in addition to her role on the management committee, she was also the volunteer coordinator and organised the volunteer rosters, recruitment and training at the legal centre.

Rae Devlin is their longest serving volunteer. She has been with the centre for 28 years. She has seen many people come and go over the years and has survived many changes, challenging clients and challenging situations.

Kaye Downton joined in 1985 and left in 2012. Kaye was a member of the management committee for many years and her tireless work on the community resource directory is unparalleled. Sue Douglas has been a volunteer since 2008. She is an absolute pleasure to be with and is a breath of fresh air at the centre.

Susan Garrett joined in 2002 and was a member of the management committee for over eight years. Barbara Price-Ellingham joined in 2008 and was also a member of the management committee. As well as volunteering on the front desk, she joined the volunteer group of people who researched, compiled and produced the first community resource directory.

Brian Rosier joined the citizens advice bureau in 1988 when the office was located in a small room at the Gold Coast City Council chambers at Southport. His first role was as a tenant adviser. His knowledge of the rental situation proved to be invaluable and he was of great assistance to clients.

April Vincent joined in 2002. She has had several roles on the management committee and is currently the president as well as a volunteer. Pat Williams signed up in 1984. She has worked with the centre for over 29 years before retiring from her role. Pat played an instrumental role in the expansion and development of the centre during its very early years.

The Gold Coast Community Legal Centre does an incredible amount of work. The number of volunteers there is just outstanding. It is great to see how the centre has continued to grow and thrive under the leadership of principal solicitor Victoria Shiel and co-ordinating solicitor Tanya Diessel. I stand in the House tonight to applaud their hard work, their self-sacrifice and the incredible contribution that all of these volunteers and both Victoria and Tanya make to the work of this service on the Gold Coast and in Southport.

