



Speech By Corrine McMillan

MEMBER FOR MANSFIELD

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ADJOURNMENT

Mansfield Electorate, Queensland Day Awards

Ms McMILLAN (Mansfield—ALP) (1.43 am): I rise to speak about the recent Queensland Day awards held at our Mount Gravatt Bowls Club and hosted by Club Southside. Formerly Southside Sport and Community Club, Club Southside is a key social and community hub that supports the diverse community of the Mansfield electorate. Held since 2003, the Queensland Day awards and morning tea are held in conjunction with our annual community benefits and beneficiaries donations. This year Club Southside donated more than \$520,000 to different community groups—a wonderful contribution to our community. Each year from 1 February to 30 April Club Southside opens its community benefits grants process whereby local organisations can apply for grants from \$500 to \$4,000. Special thanks go to the board members for assistance with assigning these grants to worthwhile community groups.

This year Club Southside donated to the following community organisations: Access Outreach Australia, with support for fuel costs to run their four street vans feeding our homeless people of Brisbane; Bestlife, which offers unique respite for children with disabilities and their families operating out of Mackenzie Special School; BKB Community Sports Mentoring and Coaching; C&K Mt Gravatt East Community Kindergarten; Easts Mount Gravatt Junior Rugby League Club to purchase items to upgrade their speaker system; the Lions Club of Brisbane, MacGregor; the Mount Gravatt Local Ambulance Committee; the Mount Gravatt Men's Shed; and Tag 5.

I congratulate the following recipients of my 2019 Mansfield electorate Queensland Day awards. The Community Spirit Award goes to Mount Gravatt Meals on Wheels and St Catherine's Primary School P&F. The Dennis Webb Neighbourhood Watch Award goes to Frank Smyth from Rochedale Neighbourhood Watch and Margaret Cameron from Wishart Neighbourhood Watch. The Sport Award went to Sergeant Mick Morier from Upper Mount Gravatt Police Station and basketballer Brian Kerle. The Environment Award went to the Mount Gravatt East Townhouse Development Action Group and Susan Jones from B4C. The Community Project Award went to Ken Mulcahy and Mackenzie Bushcare. Finally, the Southside Queenslander of the Year was awarded to Upper Mount Gravatt State School P&C President Tania Harman.

As the proud member for Mansfield, I would like to thank Club Southside for investing in my community and, in particular, president Stein Grodum; marketing manager, Peter O'Grady; the grants committee, Bernard Hatton and Debbie Ashworth; the group accountant, Renee Hatton; and the entire staff at Club Southside and the Mount Gravatt Bowls Club for making the Queensland Day awards for 2019 incredibly memorable.