



Speech By  
**Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe**


**MEMBER FOR SANDGATE**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Queensland Training Awards, All About Living**

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (2.46 pm): My electorate of Sandgate is a thriving, vibrant community, as much as anything because of its diversity. That diversity includes those who are more vulnerable, especially when it comes to getting and maintaining work—long-term unemployed people, parents who spent many years raising children, or young people who are finding it hard to break into the job market.

Last Saturday night the 2019 Queensland Training Awards and gala dinner were held to celebrate individuals and organisations who have been outstanding in the area of vocational education and training. This brings me to All About Living—a stellar not-for-profit community organisation based in Sandgate. The team comprising All About Living is led by its president, Darryl McNamara, and CEO David Worsnop.

After being named the metropolitan regional winner in the Community Training Initiative of the Year category, All About Living was nominated for its carers consortium training program. Those who complete the program receive qualifications in individual support, which means that they can get employment in the growing aged-care and disability care sectors. That program also provides a pathway to work for people who are finding it difficult to get a job, full stop.

All About Living is committed to nurturing potential employees who are well trained, competent and empathetic. To date, the carers consortium program has helped 83 people. Of those who have completed the program, 70 per cent have been offered jobs. The percentage of people offered jobs in the 2018 version of the carers consortium program was an impressive 82 per cent.

This program has been made possible by the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative. Since July 2015, All About Living has successfully secured more than \$300,000 in community-driven training projects under this initiative. It is a suite of skills and training programs supporting Queenslanders to get the skills, qualifications and experience that are needed to enter and stay in the workforce.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work, a highly successful initiative, was reintroduced by the Palaszczuk government in 2015 after it was foolishly axed by the Newman LNP government. From its reintroduction, \$420 million has been committed to fund the seven programs that form the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative in the six years to the 2020-21 year.

I am also so proud to be part of a government that is investing \$16.8 million into the Community Work Skills program this financial year. This program funds community based organisations such as All About Living to help disadvantaged Queenslanders get nationally recognised training qualifications. I congratulate Darryl, David and the whole All About Living team for their exceptional work in training Queenslanders and for their exceptional program, the carers consortium. They are doing work for people in our community who need all the support they deserve. I congratulate all the deserving winners and finalists from this year's Queensland Training Awards.