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City of Logan Volunteer Awards; Harmony Day

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Investment) (6.01 pm): Over the past couple of weeks I have had the pleasure of attending some memorable community events in Logan—events I feel really encompass everything great about our city and its people. They showcased the big hearts of our residents—the generosity that extends through our streets and has supported so many, especially during this prolonged pandemic period. Our volunteers are at the core of this local goodwill—selfless citizens who give their everything without expecting anything in return. These special individuals go about their work without any fuss, so it was nice to make a bit of a fuss about them at the City of Logan Volunteer Awards.

I want to take the opportunity in this House to congratulate this year's award winners, including: Club Beenleigh President Peter Harrison-Kyte, Logan's Volunteer of the Year, who gives around 40 hours of his week to a variety of local organisations after years spent working in our police service; Melanie McKenzie, who received the Spirit of Logan Award for her Harrison's Little Wings charity that supports mothers and families who have lost a child or baby; and the team from the Muslim Charitable Foundation from the electorate of Woodridge, who were presented with the Outstanding Community Organisation Award for their efforts feeding the homeless and helping vulnerable youth.

I also want to give a shout-out to some of the other volunteer groups in Woodridge, groups like: Logan Central Meals on Wheels; ADRA Community Centre; Access Community Services; YFS; the Centre for Women & Co.; Logan Amputees and Family Support Group; the Centre Against Sexual Violence; Hurricane Stars Club; Rosies Logan Central; and A Touch of Hope. Their collective efforts change lives every day, and their commitment to community deserves to be recognised and applauded.

I was also fortunate to be invited to Woodridge State School's Harmony Day event last Friday—a celebration of Logan's rich multicultural fabric and an opportunity to give thanks to one of the school's shining lights for more than two decades. Harmony Day was an initiative started in 1999—22 years ago—the same year principal Garry Molloy, who is on leave, started at Woodridge State School. That connection is striking because Garry's enthusiasm and dedication to his role has contributed to a more harmonious Logan—a better Queensland. He has given a generation of our young people the positive platform they needed to gain knowledge, to get a job and ultimately to achieve their goals. This is the wonderful legacy Garry Molloy leaves in the community of Woodridge, and on behalf of our community I would like to commend him for the trail he has blazed and the mark he has made. For when people like Garry and our local volunteers devote their lives to improving the lives of others, our whole community benefits.