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Everton Volunteer Awards

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (5.59 pm): Last Sunday we celebrated the annual Everton Volunteer Awards which is a great celebration of those in my community who give up their time and sacrifice so much to serve their communities in a whole range of different ways. We have four categories—a community volunteer of the year, a sports volunteer of the year, a school volunteer of the year and a young volunteer of the year, who is under 25—and an overall volunteer of the year. Our overall volunteer of the year this year is Charles Tibbitts, who is president of the Everton Wolves AFL club.

Mr Stewart: Yeah!

Mr MANDER: Do you know that club?

Mr Stewart: I was an original foundation player.

Mr MANDER: I will take that interjection from the member for Townsville, an original player of the Everton Wolves. Charles Tibbitts is a great volunteer who gives up so much time to be the president and a jack-of-all-trades. He is a very worthy winner.

Our community volunteer of the year went to David Rees. David is with the Bunya Lions Club. The Bunya Lions Club are unbelievable in their service to my community—whether it is doing sausage sizzles or fundraisers for different charities. We have the community carols by candlelight coming up soon at West Mitchelton which the Bunya Lions are hosting. David is one of those hardworking volunteers and he has done a fantastic job for many years.

Our sports volunteer of the year went to Andrew Chapman from the Albany Creek GPS Brumbies Rugby Club. He has done an enormous amount of volunteer work there. He is a really gracious gentleman. In fact, he had to leave the volunteer awards pretty quickly because he had to go and referee some football games. Obviously, as a referee, he is an incredibly intelligent person and well respected amongst the community.

The school volunteer of the year went to Beki Dixon. Beki is the president of the Everton Park State School P&C and she has done a great job there. One of the things they are doing at the moment is bringing the after-school care back into the P&C which will be a great revenue generator for them.

The young volunteer of the year was Robyn Matthews from the SES at Arana Hills. It is great to see young people giving back to our community in a really positive way. She is a great role model for people of her age.

We were entertained by Blue Sky Harmony, which is an a cappella group. They were brilliant. If you want to go out and enjoy yourself and join an amateur singing group, Blue Sky Harmony is the group for you. Thank you to the volunteers who make Everton the best place to live, work and play in Queensland.