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Queensland Greats Awards

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Olympics) (9.39 am): Each year around Queensland Day, we add more names to a prestigious list of Queenslanders who have helped shape our state through our Queensland Greats Awards. A Queensland Great can be an individual or an institution. They can come from all walks of life across communities and industries, being recommended for their outstanding achievements and service. They are united by a significant contribution to our state and the Queensland way of life.

Since the first Queensland Greats Awards in 2001, we have honoured 123 individuals and 18 institutions. Previous recipients include the likes of Professor Ian Frazer, Allan Border, Margaret Olley, Uncle Albert Holt and Karyn Walsh, just to name a few. Recent Queensland Greats advocated for better health for our First Nations people, made landmark scientific contributions to wildlife protection, impressed the world with local Indigenous art, and curated our state's scientific and cultural history. Their contributions to health and research, science and technologies, the arts and education have provided pathways for disadvantaged communities and pioneered life-changing developments.

These awards are an amazing platform to not only honour extraordinary Queenslanders but also to share their incredible stories and work. Now we are once again calling upon Queenslanders to help select the next inspiring group of Queensland Greats. I encourage everybody in this House to think about who in their community has contributed, and put their name forward. These nominations are now open for 2023, so if you know a Queenslanders worthy of Great status, it is time to jump online and submit a nomination. Remember, each and every honour begins with a nomination, and yours could be the one to cement a Queenslanders legacy—their place in history. I invite all members to submit a nomination by Friday, 17 February 2023, and I look forward to meeting our next new Greats on Queensland Day next year.