




Speech By
Hon. Cameron Dick

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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment) (7.04 pm): The Woodridge electorate is an electorate of doers—people who see challenges and grab opportunities, people who work hard and get things done. The Woodridge electorate is also a community of people who work together, who care about what happens locally and who regularly deliver extraordinary results from their hard work and creativity. That is why I was so pleased to be able to attend and sponsor the 2022 Logan Business Distinction Awards, held recently at the Distillery Road Market Hall. This year's event celebrated the great work of our local Logan businesses, with 17 categories and six major awards given out on the evening. In a testament to the strength of local initiative, the awards committee received 495 nominations from businesses across Logan. Tonight I want to acknowledge businesses in and around the Woodridge electorate that were recognised at the awards.

As sponsor of the manufacturing and construction award, I was delighted to see Snapfresh at Crestmead snap up the prize. Congratulations to the entire Snapfresh team on your award. Snapfresh has produced high-quality, ready-made meals since 2001, producing over 80,000 meals each day—and over 226 million meals in total—for customers here and abroad. Arwen and Scott McGregor at Devon Pixies won the hospitality category for small business. Starting as a solo operation, Arwen and Scott have expanded and now have school trainees completing their certificate III programs at their boutique teahouse located at the recently renovated Kingston Butter Factory.

Woodridge electorate schools and training providers are doing great work in supporting local jobs, and it was a pleasure to see this recognised on the evening. I congratulate Marsden State High School and the YMCA Vocation School at Kingston, which won awards in the education, employment and training category. I also want to thank president Stewart Flemming and the combined Logan Chambers of Commerce for organising a fantastic event. I congratulate all finalists on their success.

On other local education matters, I want to recognise the outstanding contribution made by Logan City Special School Principal Rod Kirkland. Rod will be moving on from his position at the school at the end of term 3. The City of Logan and the electorate of Woodridge have been home to transformational teachers and educational leaders over the years—people who have championed our community and the potential we represent. Rod Kirkland is one of the people. Rod has done a wonderful job leading the school for the past 10 years, and I was proud to recognise him with a Woodridge Queensland Day award in 2021.

There is no greater investment a society can make than enhancing the education of its young people, an ethos embodied by Rod and his team. I have been proud to work with Rod on delivering our government's \$12.5 million investment in 12 new classrooms at the school that we opened earlier this year. Educators like Rod give parents and guardians the confidence that their children will have the opportunity to learn and excel. Mr Rod, thank you for your service and I wish you all the very best in your next endeavours.