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Logan City Council Volunteer Awards
[3 MINUTE STATEMENT]

Speaker, I rise today to speak about the **7,000 Volunteers** from my electorate who just show incredible strength in our community.

Two weekends ago, I was lucky enough to attend the **Logan City Council Volunteer Awards**. These seek to find extraordinary people who have helped make **Logan City** a thriving and diverse place to live. Nominations are generally sought from not only individual residents but a range of volunteer-based organisations.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate **Logan City Council** who every year hold these **Volunteer Awards**. They have been holding them since **1988** and year after year, they acknowledge the numerous outstanding contributions made in our community by many people and groups and I wholeheartedly continue to support these awards.

Every year, the annual winners of the **Logan City Council Volunteer Awards** are announced at the **Logan Volunteer Thank You Breakfast** which I was honoured to take part in also.

The Frank Lenz Memorial Award for Volunteer of the Year was awarded to joint winners this year – **Carole Wilson** from **Springwood** and **John Mulraney** from **Beenleigh** for their tireless efforts within the Logan Community for many decades now.

John's dedication to **Rotary** includes time as their **Club President** and **Secretary**. He also coordinated the **Rotary Club's** response to the February Floods including providing food for the **Mud Army**, lending barbeques to families unable to cook, and lobbying for a **Disaster Relief Support Package** to assist in providing financial relief to some of those that were impacted living in the Logan Area.



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This year, the **Davida Steele Memorial Award** for **Outstanding Community Organisation** was awarded to **Quota Beenleigh** this year. **Quota Beenleigh** were recognised for their ongoing service to those who are disadvantaged within our own community.

Logan's **Spencer Robinson** received the **Spirit of Logan Award** for his commitment to **Parkrun Australia** and **Clean Up Australia Day**. He is an active volunteer at the Yarrabilba Parkrun and spends his time collecting rubbish during the 5-kilometre run.

And Springwood's **Bella-Marie Anderson** was awarded the **Youth Volunteer of the Year Award**. Bella-Marie was acknowledged for her ongoing support of those within the **Logan Community** who are experiencing homelessness, poverty and even domestic violence through the local outreach organisation '**Touch of Hope**'.

There are so many other nominees who I have not had the chance to mention who contribute equally as much to the local community as **Carole, John, Spencer, Bella-Marie** and **Quota Beenleigh**.

Believe me, the work that you do in our community doesn't go unnoticed and is truly appreciated. I look forward to being at the next **Logan City Council Volunteer Awards** happening in 2024.

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