




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Harrigan, Mr K; Cox, Dr J

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (7.13 pm): I rise to express my thanks to some very important local residents of the Moggill electorate, the first being Senior Sergeant Kevin Harrigan, who was formally farewelled as the officer in charge of the Karana Downs Police Station late last year. On the day of Kevin's official farewell a police piper and guard of honour celebrated a magnificent 44 years with the Queensland Police Service. Kevin served most recently as officer in charge of the Karana Downs Police Station until December 2019. It was my pleasure to present Senior Sergeant Harrigan with a special community award to recognise his many years of service to both the local Karana Downs community and the Queensland Police Service. Having started at the Queensland Police Academy in 1976 at the age of just 16, it was not until March 2003 that Senior Sergeant Harrigan took the opportunity to move from Proserpine to Karana Downs to join the local police station as its first ever senior sergeant officer in charge.

I am sure all members of this House understand the importance and benefit of having a police service that is deeply focused on the needs of its community. Senior Sergeant Harrigan was well liked and respected by the residents of Mount Crosby and Karana Downs, and he will be sorely missed by his colleagues at the Karana Downs Police Station. I am pleased to be able to say that we in the electorate of Moggill have many Queensland Police Service officers who serve with the same dedication as Senior Sergeant Harrigan. I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the teams at Indooroopilly and the Karana Downs police stations as well as the Bellbowrie Police Beat for their hard work and dedication to our local community. I certainly know that the members for Ninderry and Lockyer appreciate the work of our Queensland Police Service officers.

I would also like to place on record my thanks to Dr John Cox, who retired at the start of this year from his role as a general practitioner—a role that he performed with great distinction for some 55 years. Dr Cox is a long-term resident of the electorate of Moggill and he has been a general practitioner in the western suburbs of Brisbane, having practiced in Auchenflower, Bellbowrie and, most recently, Mount Ommaney. As a medical professional myself, I know the dedication and hard work that goes into serving your community in this role, and I commend Dr Cox for his many years of service.

I would like to particularly recognise Dr Cox's service to the Bellbowrie community—a community he served with distinction until the destruction of his general practice in the 2011 floods. I recently had the honour of catching up with Dr Cox and his wife, Rae, to present Dr Cox with a community award in recognition of his service to so many across the western suburbs of Brisbane. I am sure all members of this House will agree that recognising the service and dedication of local community leaders is one of the most rewarding aspects of being a member of the Queensland parliament. I know that many in my community have certainly been made better by the contributions of Senior Sergeant Harrigan and Dr John Cox.

Finally, I also acknowledge Bishop Rob Nolan, who organised the western suburbs bushfire service at Booker Place Park at Bellbowrie last Sunday. Can I also recognise all members of the Kenmore Rotary Club, including president Martin Grabert, for their hard work in organising the Australian Day citizenship ceremony at the Our Lady of the Rosary primary school at Kenmore.