



Kiama Australia Day Awards

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 08/03/2012 (Article No.19)

KIAMA AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the following Kiama Municipal Council 2012 Australia Day Award recipients:
 - (a) Myrtle Hartenstein, Citizen of the Year;
 - (b) Kimberley Abbott, Young Citizen of the Year;
 - (c) Patrick Sutton, Community Achievement Award;
 - (d) Dennis Koks, Community Arts Award;
 - (e) Gary Louie, Scholastic Achievement Award;
 - (f) Sophie Clift, Youth Achievement Award;
 - (g) John Unwin, Services to the Aged Award; and
 - (h) Tully Robinson and the Werri Beach Boardriders, Sports Award.
- (2) Acknowledges the efforts and contribution to the Kiama community of these individuals.
- (3) Thanks them for their continued work for the Kiama community.



Shoalhaven Australia Day Awards

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 08/03/2012 (Article No.20)

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the following Shoalhaven Municipal Council 2012 Australia Day Award recipients:
 - (a) Mrs Shirley Coleman, Citizen of the Year;
 - (b) Miss Samantha Howcroft, Young Citizen of the Year;
 - (c) Miss Sarah Boddington, Sports Award;
 - (d) Mr William Miller, Highly Commended Sports Award; and
 - (e) Miss Kaitlyn Bryce, Junior Sports Award.
- (2) Acknowledges the efforts and contribution to the Shoalhaven community of these individuals.
- (3) Thanks them for the work they continue to do for the Shoalhaven community.



Wingecarribee Australia Day Awards

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 08/03/2012 (Article No.21)

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the following Wingecarribee Shire Council 2012 Australia Day Award recipients:
 - (a) Jennifer Bowe, Citizen of the Year; and
 - (b) Brittany McCrea, Young Citizen of the Year
- (2) Acknowledges the efforts and contribution to the Wingecarribee Shire community of these individuals.
- (3) Thanks them for the work they continue to do for the Wingecarribee Shire community.



Shellharbour Australia Day Awards

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 08/03/2012 (Article No.22)

SHELLHARBOUR AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the following Shellharbour City Council 2012 Australia Day Award recipients:
 - (a) Mr Keith Wilson, Citizen of the Year; and
 - (b) Miss Heather Devine, Young Citizen of the Year.
- (2) Acknowledges the efforts and contribution to the Shellharbour community of these individuals.
- (3) Thanks Mr Wilson and Miss Devine for the work they continue to do for the Shellharbour community.



Mrs Christine Drinkwater

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 08/03/2012 (Article No.23)

MRS CHRISTINE DRINKWATER

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Mrs Christine Drinkwater, of North Nowra, on her commitment to public education since 1971.
- (2) Notes that Mrs Drinkwater was a teacher at Nowra East Public School.
- (3) Acknowledges Mrs Drinkwater's passion for teaching and dedication to provide a quality education to every student she taught.



Illawarra Light Rail Museum Society and Mr Brian Holmes and Mr Tony Madden

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 08/03/2012 (Article No.24)

ILLAWARRA LIGHT RAIL MUSEUM SOCIETY AND MR BRIAN HOLMES AND MR TONY MADDEN

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Mr Brian Holmes and Mr Tony Madden on their 40 years of service to the Illawarra Light Rail Museum Society.
- (2) Acknowledges the contribution made by Mr Holmes and Mr Madden since 1972.
- (3) Notes that Mr Holmes is a former Chairman, Treasurer, Operations Manager and remains Workshop Manager.
- (4) Notes that Mr Madden is a foundation member who called the first public meeting in 1971, served as the Secretary and is currently the Operations Manager.



Shellharbour Councillor Paul Rankin

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 08/03/2012 (Article No.78)

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Shellharbour Councillor Paul Rankin for participating in the Albion Park Show Society's Great Camel Race on 14 January 2012 to raise money for Camp Quality.
- (2) Acknowledges the efforts of Councillor Rankin to raise funds for this important and worthwhile charity.

Question put and resolved in the affirmative .

Community recognition notices agreed to .



Shellharbour Sports Star of the Year Awards

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/03/2012 (Article No.18)

SHELLHARBOUR SPORTS STAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the following winners of the 2011 Shellharbour Sports Star of the Year Awards: Caitlin Foord, Junior Sports Star; David Smith, Open Sports Star; Annette Mead, Veteran Masters Sports Star; Megan Newell, Athlete with a Disability; Illawarra Star Strikers Tenpin Bowling Team, Open Team; Port Kembla Junior Pennant Team, Junior Team; Louis Valesini, Amateur Coach, Trainer or Manager.
- (2) Acknowledges the sporting attributes and efforts of these dedicated individuals.
- (3) Thanks each award recipient for their contribution to the Shellharbour community.





Minnamurra Rotary Club Clean Up Australia Day Event

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/03/2012 (Article No.50)

MINNAMURRA ROTARY CLUB CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Minnamurra Rotary Club President David Ferne and Member Juanita Barber on organising a Clean Up Australia Day event along the Minnamurra River on 4 March 2012.
- (2) Acknowledges the hard work and dedication of Minnamurra Rotary Club to the local community.
- (3) Notes that since the event started in 1990, Australians have donated more than 25 million hours to caring for their environment by removing 253,699 tonnes of rubbish.



Shoalhaven Awakening Event

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/03/2012 (Article No.51)

SHOALHAVEN AWAKENING EVENT

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Justin and Lisa Rickard, founders of Shoalhaven Awakening, on the success of the annual event held at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre on 3 March 2012.
- (2) Notes that since 2008, with the help of Shoalhaven Mayor Paul Green and his wife Michelle, the event has grown into a united praise and worship gathering of Christians from across the region.
- (3) Acknowledges the dedication of Justin and Lisa Rickard to unite Christians and spread the principles of praise and worship in the local community.



Berry Show

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/03/2012 (Article No.52)

BERRY SHOW

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Paul Gibson, President of the Berry Show Society, on organising the Berry Show held on 3 and 4 February 2012.
- (2) Notes that shows in Berry have been held annually since 1887 with the exception of four years during war.
- (3) Thanks the Show Society committee members, volunteers and exhibitors for their hard work in ensuring the success of the 2012 Berry Show.



Kangaroo Valley Show

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/03/2012 (Article No.53)

KANGAROO VALLEY SHOW

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates David Kent, President of the Kangaroo Valley Show Society, on organising the Kangaroo Valley Show held on 17 and 18 February 2012.
- (2) Notes the show hosted a new local produce section "Taste of the Valley" that has the

potential to expand in future years.

- (3) Thanks the Show Society committee members, volunteers and exhibitors for their hard work in ensuring the success of the 2012 Kangaroo Valley Show.



Nowra Show

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/03/2012 (Article No.54)

NOWRA SHOW

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates James Thompson, President and Jennifer Munn, Secretary of the Nowra Show Society on organising the Nowra Show on 10 and 11 February 2012.
- (2) Notes that this was the 136th Nowra Show.
- (3) Acknowledges Natasha Larter, winner of the 2012 Nowra Show Girl Competition.
- (4) Thanks the Show Society Committee Members, volunteers and exhibitors for their hard work in ensuring the success of the 2012 Nowra Show.



Albion Park Show

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/03/2012 (Article No.55)

ALBION PARK SHOW

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Ray Price, President of the Albion Park Show Society, on organising the Albion Park Show held on 14 and 15 January 2012.
- (2) Notes that this was the 125th Albion Park Show.
- (3) Thanks the Show Society committee members, volunteers and exhibitors for their hard work in ensuring the success of the 2012 Albion Park Show.



Kiama Show

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/03/2012 (Article No.56)

KIAMA SHOW

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Denise Oxley, President, and Susan Granger-Holcombe, Secretary, of the Kiama Show Society on organising the Kiama Show held on 27 and 28 January 2012.
- (2) Notes that this was the 164th Kiama Show.
- (3) Thanks the Show Society committee members, volunteers and exhibitors for their hard work in ensuring the success of the 2012 Kiama Show.



Tribute to Dale Bryce

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/03/2012 (Article No.57)

TRIBUTE TO DALE BRYCE

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Dale Bryce on recently winning a silver medal in the Taekwondo Junior World Selection Competition held on 5 February 2012.
- (2) Notes that Dale also won a bronze medal in a team event.
- (3) Acknowledges Dale's skill and prowess in the sport of Taekwondo.
- (4) Thanks Dale for his ongoing contribution to the Shoalhaven sporting community.



Disability Trust White Knights Futsal Team

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 27/03/2012 (Article No.43)

DISABILITY TRUST WHITE KNIGHTS FUTSAL TEAM

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Recognises the achievements of the Disability Trust White Knights Futsal Team and wishes them well as they head to Italy for the Global Games in September this year.
- (2) Congratulates the Futsal Team on their success at the National Championships in Canberra in January 2011.
- (3) Recognises the opportunities provided to people with disabilities by Sports4All.
- (4) Acknowledges the achievements of Gerringong resident Mitchell Forrest on being selected for the national team.



Stars of TAFE 2011 Awards

STARS OF TAFE 2011 AWARDS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the recipients of the Stars of TAFE 2011 Awards held at the CityBeach Function Centre on Thursday 19 May 2011.
- (2) Commends the work and efforts of Dianna Murray, Institute Director and especially her dedication to growing the TAFE sector.
- (3) Commends the hard working teachers, staff and students in the NSW TAFE sector.



Gerringong Lions Club

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 29/03/2012 (Article No.6)

GERRINGONG LIONS CLUB

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Gerringong Lions Club and President Steve Pottie on the work they do for the local community.
- (2) Notes that a large delegation from Gerringong Lions Club travelled to New South Wales Parliament House for an educational tour and a viewing of Question Time on 7 March 2012.





Kangaroo Valley Up a River Festival

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 29/03/2012 (Article No.7)

KANGAROO VALLEY UP A RIVER FESTIVAL

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the organisers of the Up a River Festival and fundraiser held in Kangaroo Valley on 2 to 4 March 2012.
- (2) Notes that the Upper Kangaroo River Progress Association supports the festival.
- (3) Acknowledges the festival organising committee, including Sarah Butler, Katrina Endean, Andy Gordon and Ben Moore, for their time and effort to make the festival a success.



Robertson Show

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 29/03/2012 (Article No.68)

ROBERTSON SHOW

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Rosemary Turner, President, and Leesa Stratford, Secretary, of the Robertson Show Society for organising the Robertson Show on 9 to 10 March 2012.
- (2) Acknowledges the official opening of the new pavilion which will become the new dining area at the show.
- (3) Thanks the Robertson Show Society Committee Members, volunteers and exhibitors for their hard work in ensuring the success of the Robertson Show.





Gerringong Public School Fete

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 29/03/2012 (Article No.69)

GERRINGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Karina Shepherd on organising the Gerringong Public School fete held on 10 March 2012.
- (2) Acknowledges Karina's hard work and fundraising efforts for the school.



Berry Showgirl Jessica Monteith

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 29/03/2012 (Article No.70)

BERRY SHOWGIRL JESSICA MONTEITH

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Jessica Monteith, the Berry Showgirl, on winning the Royal Showgirl Competition Zone 2 regional finals at the Kiama Pavilion on 10 March 2012.
- (2) Notes that Jessica will travel to the Sydney Royal Easter Show for the Sydney Royal Showgirl competition.





Kiama Jazz and Blues Festival

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 29/03/2012 (Article No.71)

KIAMA JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House congratulates Ross Eggleston, President of Kiama Jazz Club and Festival Director, and the Festival Committee on organising the Kiama Jazz and Blues Festival from 9 to 11 March 2012.



Paul Robert Burton

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 29/03/2012 (Article No.72)

PAUL ROBERT BURTON

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performances of talented young musician Paul Robert Burton during the Kiama Jazz and Blues Festival held on 9 to 11 March 2012.



University of Wollongong Sixtieth Anniversary

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 02/05/2012 (Article No.50)

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Notes that this is the University of Wollongong's 60th year of operation as a tertiary institution.
- (2) Commends the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wollongong, Professor Gerard Sutton, on his 16 years of service as Vice-Chancellor and on his service to the tertiary sector.
- (3) Congratulates the dedicated staff of the University of Wollongong on their efforts to make this institution an award-winning university.



Cambewarra Rural Fire Service

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 02/05/2012 (Article No.62)

CAMBEWARRA RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the Cambewarra Rural Fire Service on its successful community fundraiser at Hawell Faulks Reserve, Cambewarra on Sunday 19 June 2011.
- (2) Commends the outstanding work of rural service volunteers across the Kiama electorate on their continued contribution towards protecting our local community.



Shoalhaven Family, Local and Cultural History Fair

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 02/05/2012 (Article No.65)

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the organisers of the 7th annual Shoalhaven Family, Local and Cultural History Fair.
- (2) Notes the work and outstanding efforts of Joy Vost, Wayne Vost and Lynne Allen who have been integral in building the fair's success.



Nowra Anglican College

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 02/05/2012 (Article No.67)

NOWRA ANGLICAN COLLEGE

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Acknowledges the commissioning of Chris Pitt as the Principal of the Nowra Anglican College.
- (2) Congratulates the Nowra Anglican College on the provision of a quality education for its students.



Shires Association of NSW

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 02/05/2012 (Article No.69)

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Councillor Ray Donald on his election as the President of the Shires Association of NSW.
- (2) Congratulates Councillor Adam Marshall on his election as Vice President of the Shires Association.
- (3) Extends its congratulations to elected members of the new executive and wishes them every success in their representative duties on behalf of Shires in our State.



Nowra Anglican College Mock Trial Team

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 02/05/2012 (Article No.71)

NOWRA ANGLICAN COLLEGE MOCK TRIAL TEAM

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the Nowra Anglican College Mock Trial team on its success in the Mock Trial competition to date.
- (2) Acknowledges the participation of Georgia Barton, Jack Gaudie, Lauren O'Connor, Adelaide Mourd, Dana McMullen, Jessinta Ison, Jennifer Williams, Nicholas Olds, Blake Ritchie, Brittany Jeston, Gabrielle Dover, Aleksander Luzaic and Jasmine Hannigan.
- (3) Commends their legal studies teacher, Felicity Reynolds on her dedication and efforts towards the team's success.





Local Government Regional Naidoc Awards

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 02/05/2012 (Article No.115)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGIONAL NAIDOC AWARDS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Acknowledges the success of the 2011 Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards held at Shellharbour Workers Club held on Saturday 2 July 2011.
- (2) Congratulates the many award recipients, including: Uncle Steven Russell, Male Aboriginal Elder of the Year; Aunty Nell Mooney, Female Aboriginal Elder of the Year; Corey Belsito, Aboriginal Young Achiever of the Year; Ricki Lee Donovan, Aboriginal Young Achiever of the Year; Natalie Beckett for Outstanding Service in Aboriginal Health; Roy "Dootch" Kennedy, Aboriginal Community Representative of the Year; and the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation, Aboriginal Organisation of the Year.



YMCA New South Wales Youth Parliament

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 08/05/2012 (Article No.36)

YMCA NEW SOUTH WALES YOUTH PARLIAMENT

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the organisers of the YMCA 2011 Youth Parliament.
- (2) Acknowledges all members of Parliament who took part in proceedings, including the Premier.
- (3) Commends local high school student and Youth member for Kiama, Peter Mumford for his contribution during the proceedings.
- (4) Acknowledges the Government's contribution of \$10,000 to enable participants from indigenous and culturally diverse backgrounds to take part in the next YMCA Youth Parliament.



South Coast Tourism Awards

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 08/05/2012 (Article No.46)

SOUTH COAST TOURISM AWARDS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Acknowledges the South Coast Tourism Awards which recognises the economic and social contribution of local tourism operators.
- (2) Congratulates the awards finalists Lisa Kelsey from the Sebel Harbourside in Kiama, Rajarshi and Sophie Ray from the Silos Winery Estate in Berry, Sally Bursell from the Kiama Visitors Centre, Professor Michael Hough from Wings Over Illawarra and Mark Bryant from Kiama Rugby Sevens.



Shellharbour City Council Administrator David Jesson

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 08/05/2012 (Article No.51)

SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR DAVID JESSON

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates David Jesson on his tenure as Administrator of Shellharbour City Council.
- (2) Acknowledges his efforts to improve the governance and performance of Shellharbour City Council and his advocacy of important local projects such as Shell Cove Marina.

- (3) Thanks Mr Jesson for his efforts in serving the people of Shellharbour.
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Israeli Film Festival

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 08/05/2012 (Article No.68)

ISRAELI FILM FESTIVAL

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Acknowledges the success of the Israeli Film Festival held at the University of Wollongong on 6 August 2011.
 - (2) Notes the attendance of the University of Wollongong Deputy Vice Chancellor Judy Raper and Israeli Ambassador Yuval Rotem.
 - (3) Congratulates the organisers Doron Katz and Yoke Berry on the successful event.
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Kiama Student Leaders Forum

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 08/05/2012 (Article No.75)

KIAMA STUDENT LEADERS FORUM

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Acknowledges the success of the Kiama Student Leaders Forum held at Parliament House on 9 August 2011.

- (2) Congratulates the participants from Albion Park High School, Bomaderry High School, Kiama High School and Smiths Hill High School for their contributions.
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Rabobank Farm Industry Leader of the Year Award Finalist Lynne Strong

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 09/05/2012 (Article No.99)

RABOBANK FARM INDUSTRY LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD FINALIST LYNNE STRONG

Page: 11408

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Lynne Strong of Jamberoo on becoming one of two finalists in the Rabobank Farm Industry Leader of the Year Award.
 - (2) Notes that Lynne is a sixth generation farmer of Clover Hill Dairies, an industry leader providing milk to more than 50,000 Australians.
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Basketballer Kate Bellamy

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 09/05/2012 (Article No.102)

BASKETBALLER KATE BELLAMY

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Kate Bellamy of Cambewarra on being selected into the All Australian Schools' Shadow Basketball Team.

- (2) Notes that Kate captained the NSW All Schools Basketball Team to victory in the gold medal game against Victoria earlier this year.
 - (3) Extends our best wishes for Kate's continued success when the Australian Schools side travels to America later in 2011.
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Footballer Michael Pelda

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 09/05/2012 (Article No.105)

FOOTBALLER MICHAEL PELDA

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Michael Pelda of Bomaderry on being awarded the joint winner of Ray Tunbridge Medal for Best and Fairest in the South Coast Australian Football League.
 - (2) Notes that Michael has been a standout performer for the Nowra Blues all season and extends best wishes to Michael and his family.
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Rotary Public Speaking Competitor Christie Arthur

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 09/05/2012 (Article No.110)

ROTARY PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITOR CHRISTIE ARTHUR

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Christie Arthur of Gerringong on her recent success in the Rotary District 9710 public speaking competition.
- (2) Extends best wishes to Christie in Canberra for the finals competition to be held at the District Conference in October 2011.



Footballer Carlin Simon

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 09/05/2012 (Article No.111)

FOOTBALLER CARLIN SIMON

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Carlin Simon of Kiama Downs on his recent selection into the Australian Indigenous under 16s rugby union team.
- (2) Extends best wishes to Carlin and the team when they travel to New Zealand on 18 September 2011 to compete in matches to be held before the National under 16s Championships in Sydney.

Question put and resolved in the affirmative .

Community recognition notices agreed to .



Tekia Bree Cheyne Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 10/05/2012 (Article No.12)

TEKIA BREE CHEYNE GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Tekia Bree Cheyne of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Emily Noakes Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 10/05/2012 (Article No.13)

EMILY NOAKES GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Emily Noakes of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Mikayla Stephens Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 10/05/2012 (Article No.14)

MIKAYLA STEPHENS GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the brilliant performance of Mikayla Stephens of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Caitlin Blunden Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 10/05/2012 (Article No.15)

CAITLIN BLUNDEN GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Caitlin Blunden of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Kayla McCoskery Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 10/05/2012 (Article No.16)

KAYLA MCCOSKERY GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Kayla McCoskery of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Elise Callaghan Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 10/05/2012 (Article No.17)

ELISE CALLAGHAN GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Elise Callaghan of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Amber Marsay Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 10/05/2012 (Article No.18)

AMBER MARSAY GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Amber Marsay of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Kristiarne Hay Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 10/05/2012 (Article No.19)

KRISTIARNE HAY GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Kristiarne Hay of Oak

Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Olivia Wilson Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 10/05/2012 (Article No.20)

OLIVIA WILSON GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Olivia Wilson of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Multicultural Celebration Day

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 22/05/2012 (Article No.38)

MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Jan Frikken on organising the 5th Annual Multicultural Celebration Day 2011 held at Bomaderry on 18 September 2011.
- (2) Notes the event also celebrates the International Day of Peace.
- (3) Acknowledges the financial support of Shoalhaven City Council for this project.
- (4) Recognises the tireless efforts of the Illawarra Multicultural Services and Shoalhaven

Multicultural Group.



Kiama Regional Wine Show

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 22/05/2012 (Article No.43)

KIAMA REGIONAL WINE SHOW

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Chairman John Kelly and his committee members on organising the 6th Annual Kiama Regional Wine Show on 23 and 24 September 2011.
- (2) Recognises the success of local wineries Coolangatta Estate and Tertini Wines in winning major Gold Medal awards.
- (3) Acknowledges the support of Kiama Municipal Council and the host of local businesses who sponsored the show.



Cambewarra Public School

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 22/05/2012 (Article No.45)

CAMBEWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Cambewarra Public School on receiving the award for Best New School at the Wakakirri story and dance competition held at the Entertainment Centre in Wollongong

on 4 August 2011.

- (2) Acknowledges the Director Trent Burns.
- (3) Notes the performances of 60 students and 17 backstage crew from the Cambewarra Public School during their dance production based on the children's book 'Dancing the Boom Cha Cha Boogie'.
- (4) Commends the school on its outstanding achievement in their first year involved in the competition.



Footballer William Miller

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 22/05/2012 (Article No.51)

FOOTBALLER WILLIAM MILLER

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates William Miller of Berry who was recently selected in both the Australian Schoolboys Rugby Union side and the Australian Under 18 Seven-A-Side Rugby Union team.
- (2) Acknowledges William's rugby prowess and talent.
- (3) Wishes William all the best of success in these two Australian teams and his rugby career.



Steph's Hair Studio

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 22/05/2012 (Article No.52)

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Steph's Hair Studio in Meroo Meadow on winning the best senior hairdresser award at the recently held NSW International Hairstylists Society competition.
- (2) Congratulates those staff members who also won a number of prestigious awards at this competition.
- (3) Extends our best wishes to all the staff at Steph's Hair Studio for the National International Hairstylists Society competition finals to be held in Melbourne in October 2011.



Polio Survivors

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 22/05/2012 (Article No.57)

POLIO SURVIVORS

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Acknowledges that polio survivors continue to be the single largest disability group in Australia, numbering in the tens of thousands.
- (2) Notes that this number includes those who contracted polio in Australia during the epidemics last century, as well as young polio survivors who have migrated from countries where polio is still prevalent or only recently eradicated.
- (3) Notes that the needs of polio survivors have become a lower priority with successful vaccination programs but as sufferers age chronic sufferers will become a greater concern.
- (4) Recognises the wide variety of symptoms of the late effects of polio.
- (5) Notes over the last 20 years polio survivors have established State-based post-polio organisations, providing information and support for fellow survivors, run by polio volunteers who themselves are experiencing increased disability and decreased mobility.
- (6) Calls on the Federal Department of Health and Ageing to allocate specific funding to support post-polio survivors and to Polio Australia as a matter of urgency.



Councillor Ken Halstead Re-election

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 22/05/2012 (Article No.70)

COUNCILLOR KEN HALSTEAD RE-ELECTION

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Councillor Ken Halstead on recently being re-elected Mayor of Wingecarribee Shire Council for a second term and Councillor Larry Whipper on being elected Deputy Mayor.
- (2) Commends Councillor Halstead for continuing to deliver outcomes in the best interests of Wingecarribee Shire.



Councillor Sandra McCarthy Re-election

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 22/05/2012 (Article No.81)

COUNCILLOR SANDRA MCCARTHY RE-ELECTION

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Councillor Sandra McCarthy on recently being re-elected as Mayor of Kiama Municipal Council for a record twelfth term and Councillor Brian Petschler on being elected Deputy Mayor.
- (2) Commends Councillor McCarthy for continuing to deliver outcomes in the best interests of the Kiama municipality.



Surfing Champion Erin Dark

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 23/05/2012 (Article No.29)

SURFING CHAMPION ERIN DARK

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) congratulates Erin Dark, of Gerringong, on her recent success in riding a perfect 10 wave at North Cronulla Beach.
- (2) notes that Erin Dark is the current NSW Open Women's Longboard Champion and NSW Under 18 Champion.
- (3) wishes Erin Dark the best of success in her surfing career.



Lawn Bowls Champion Sarah Boddington

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 23/05/2012 (Article No.35)

LAWN BOWLS CHAMPION SARAH BODDINGTON

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) congratulates Sarah Boddington, of Huskisson, on her recent success in winning the NSW Women's Bowling Association State singles title.
- (2) notes that at 19 years of age, Sarah has become the State's youngest ever winner of the Women's State singles title.

- (3) wishes Sarah all the best of success for her lawn bowls career.
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Shoalhaven Basketball Association Representative Referee Jack Fishpool

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 23/05/2012 (Article No.39)

SHOALHAVEN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE REFEREE JACK FISHPOOL

Page: 11855

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) congratulates Jack Fishpool, of Cambewarra, on his recent success in being awarded the Shoalhaven Basketball Association's Representative Referee for 2011.
 - (2) acknowledges Jack's progress from refereeing in the local competition through to the New South Wales State Cup.
 - (3) wishes Jack the best of success in his future refereeing career.
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Shoalhaven Heads Public School 150th Anniversary

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 23/05/2012 (Article No.43)

SHOALHAVEN HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL 150TH ANNIVERSARY

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Shoalhaven Heads Public School, which celebrates 150 years of education on 24 November 2011.
- (2) Notes that celebrations include the opening of a time capsule buried 25 years ago, the official opening of the new school hall and the unveiling of a 150th year commemorative plaque.
- (3) Acknowledges the ongoing and tremendous contribution made by the Principal, Ian Henderson.
- (4) Wishes all of the staff and students at Shoalhaven Heads Public School all the very best for their futures.



Kiama Public School 150th Anniversary

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 23/05/2012 (Article No.45)

KIAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Page: 11856

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Kiama Public School, which will celebrate 150 years of education on 18 November 2011.
- (2) Notes that Kiama Public School has provided quality education for many generations of families in the local community and has provided excellent learning opportunities for all students.
- (3) Acknowledges the ongoing and tremendous contribution made by the Principal, Diane Quill.
- (4) Wishes all the staff and students at Kiama Public School all the very best in their future endeavours.





Bomaderry Public School

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 23/05/2012 (Article No.55)

BOMADERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Bomaderry Public School on officially opening the upgrades to the library and classrooms on 9 November 2011.
- (2) Notes that Bomaderry Public School has provided quality education for many generation of families in the local community and has provided excellent learning opportunities for all students.
- (3) Acknowledges the ongoing and tremendous contribution made by the Principal, Dionne Hanbridge.
- (4) Commends all the teachers, staff and students at Bomaderry Public School and wishes them all the best in their future endeavours.



Kate Sullivan Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 24/05/2012 (Article No.9)

KATE SULLIVAN GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

Page: 11960

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Kate Sullivan of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.





Lauren Kayla Farquhar Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 24/05/2012 (Article No.10)

LAUREN KAYLA FARQUHAR GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Lauren Kayla Farquhar of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Taylah Doosey Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 24/05/2012 (Article No.11)

TAYLAH DOOSEY GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

Page: 11960

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Taylah Doosey of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Laura Rutledge-Robb Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 24/05/2012 (Article No.12)

LAURA RUTLEDGE-ROBB GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

Page: 11960

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Laura Rutledge-Robb of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Emily Caunt Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 24/05/2012 (Article No.13)

EMILY CAUNT GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

Page: 11960

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Emily Caunt of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Mykenna Collier Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 24/05/2012 (Article No.14)

MYKENNA COLLIER GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

Page: 11960

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Mykenna Collier of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Megan Field Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 24/05/2012 (Article No.15)

MEGAN FIELD GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

Page: 11960

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Megan Field of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



John Turnbull Baking Prize

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 24/05/2012 (Article No.16)

JOHN TURNBULL BAKING PRIZE

Page: 11960

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates John Turnbull, of Gerringong, on receiving the award for the best sandwich sponge cake at the 2012 Sydney Royal Easter Show.
- (2) Notes that John is following in the footsteps of his late mother Norma Turnbull who was a multi award-winning show cook for many years.





Moira Etheridge Local Government Service

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 24/05/2012 (Article No.17)

MOIRA ETHERIDGE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Page: 11960

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Acknowledges the contribution of Moira Etheridge in her role as Secretary of the South Precinct Committee of Kiama Municipal Council.
- (2) Thanks Moira for her dedicated service to the local Gerringong community.



Links Shell Cove Golf Course

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 29/05/2012 (Article No.113)

LINKS SHELL COVE GOLF COURSE

Page: 12133

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the management and staff at the Links Shell Cove Golf Course on its involvement in the Sustainability Advantage Program since 2009.
- (2) Acknowledges that Links Shell Cove has managed to achieve significant energy savings in their water and electricity use resulting in annual saving to the club of over \$16,000.
- (3) Notes the outstanding commitment of Links Shell Cove to reducing power costs, promoting resource savings and conserving our natural environment.





Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant, Kiama

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 29/05/2012 (Article No.116)

FISHERMAN'S WHARF RESTAURANT , KIAMA

Page: 12133

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the management and staff at Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant, Kiama on its involvement in the Sustainability Advantage Program.
- (2) Acknowledges that Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant has achieved energy saving of 6.7 megawatt hours of electricity and \$1,406 per year.
- (3) Notes Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant's commitment to reducing power costs, promoting resource savings and conserving our natural environment.



Bluehaven Aged Care Facility

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 29/05/2012 (Article No.119)

BLUEHAVEN AGED CARE FACILITY

Page: 12134

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Manager Sonya King and the staff at Bluehaven Aged Care on its involvement in the Sustainability Advantage Program dating back to 2008.
- (2) Acknowledges Bluehaven Aged Care has achieved energy savings of a 10 per cent deduction in water use and a 22 per cent reduction in its electricity use.
- (3) Notes Bluehaven's outstanding commitment to reducing power costs, promoting resource savings and conserving our natural environment.



Berry Rural Co-operative Society Ltd

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 29/05/2012 (Article No.121)

BERRY RURAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD

Page: 12134

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the Berry Rural Co-operative Society Limited on its successful Centenary Celebration Dinner held on 19 November 2011.
- (2) Acknowledges the hard work and sacrifices of the board, suppliers, management and staff of the Berry Rural Co-operative Society Limited.
- (3) Notes the commitment of the executives during the centenary year, including Chairman Mr Timbs, Deputy Chairman Mr Miller, Manager Mr Abbott, Mr Bowley, Mr King, Mr Forsyth and Office Manager Mrs Watson.



Kiama Blokes Breakfast

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 29/05/2012 (Article No.123)

KIAMA BLOKES BREAKFAST

Page: 12134

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Andrew Chatfield for organising a successful Kiama Blokes Breakfast on 19 November 2011 to celebrate International Men's Day.

- (2) Acknowledges the contributions made by Councillor Brian Petchuler, Deputy Mayor of Kiama Municipal Council, local musicians Jedd Fraser, Max Fletcher and David Christopher and Dr Andrew Dalley.
- (3) Notes the sponsors who supported the event included North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre, Kiama Municipal Council, Ultra Tune Wollongong, Haworth Music and International Men's Day.

Question put and resolved in the affirmative .

Community recognition notices agreed to .



Gerringong Uniting Church

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 30/05/2012 (Article No.26)

GERRINGONG UNITING CHURCH

Page: 12312

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Gerringong Uniting Church on the official opening of its refurbished Sunday school hall held on 7 August 2011.
- (2) Acknowledges the \$20,000 contribution from the New South Wales Government's Community Building Partnerships Program towards the project.
- (3) Notes the hard work and dedication of church Minister Peter Chapman in organising the official opening and Steve Pottie, local builder, on his dedication to the project.



Shelly Franke Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 14/06/2012 (Article No.51)

SHELLY FRANKE GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Shelly Franke of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics and Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Emily Apostolovski Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 14/06/2012 (Article No.52)

EMILY APOSTOLOVSKI GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

Page: 12858

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Emily Apostolovski of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics and Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Jenna Irish Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 14/06/2012 (Article No.53)

JENNA IRISH GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Jenna Irish of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics and Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Kim Lacey Gymnastics Achievements

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 14/06/2012 (Article No.54)

KIM LACEY GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS

Page: 12858

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House acknowledges the performance of Kim Lacey of Oak Flats Albion Park Kiama Gymnastics and Acrobatics Club at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Championships held on 6 to 10 October 2011.



Kangaroo Valley Environment Group

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 23/08/2012 (Article No.69)

KANGAROO VALLEY ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Page: 14356

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Peter Stanton, President of Kangaroo Valley Environment Group, on receiving \$204,372 for its project to repair riparian habitats along the Kangaroo River system.
- (2) Acknowledges the volunteering efforts of Greg Thompson, Rosemary Stanton, John Skidmore, Barbara Woodney, Keith Learn, Slim Ward, Frank Bradley, David Brinson, Belinda Watson, Andrew Fitzsimons, Liz Cunningham and Sam Cullen.



Shoalhaven Arts Board Outstanding Achievement Award Recipient Max Croot

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 23/08/2012 (Article No.70)

SHOALHAVEN ARTS BOARD OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT MAX CROOT

Page: 14356

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Max Croot, a Sydney Conservatorium of Music graduate, on receiving the 2012 Shoalhaven Arts Board Outstanding Achievement Award.
- (2) Acknowledges that Mr Croot has built a reputation as one of the best brass instrument teachers in the State over a period of almost 50 years.
- (3) Notes Mr Croot's long and distinguished career with the Nowra Town Band and outstanding contribution to the arts in the Shoalhaven.



Surf Beach Holiday Park

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 23/08/2012 (Article No.71)

SURF BEACH HOLIDAY PARK

Page: 14356

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Surf Beach Holiday Park managers Tony and Leonie Loiterton on recently being awarded Best South Coast Holiday Park in the 3.5-4 stars, less than 100 sites category.

- (2) Acknowledges that it is the Holiday Park's natural beauty, impeccable customer service standards and dedicated staff members which have led to this recognition.
 - (3) Notes that the Holiday Park has accommodated 35,845 visitors in the last financial year.
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Gold Shoalhaven Medallist John Bennett

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 23/08/2012 (Article No.72)

GOLD SHOALHAVEN MEDALLIST JOHN BENNETT

Page: 14356

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates John Bennett on being awarded the 2012 Gold Shoalhaven Medal.
 - (2) Acknowledges Mr Bennett's participation and chairing roles on a number of local community groups including the Shoalhaven Workplace Learning Programme, Shoalhaven Hospital Fundraising Advisory Committee and the Nowra Show Society.
 - (3) Notes Mr Bennett's ongoing role within the Show Society at local, regional and state levels where he is a Councillor of the Royal Agricultural Society and Assistant Ringmaster at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.
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Tribute to Julie Headley

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 23/08/2012 (Article No.96)

TRIBUTE TO JULIE HEADLEY

Page: 14360

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Julie Headley, canteen manager, for more than 20 years of service to Albion Park High School.
- (2) Acknowledges that Mrs Headley has been a local unsung hero in Albion Park for raising money for disadvantaged and disabled youth over many years.



Women in Tourism and Hospitality Scholarship Recipient Ashleigh Smith

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 13/09/2012 (Article No.45)

WOMEN IN TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ASHLEIGH SMITH

Page: 15163

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Ashleigh Smith of Jamberoo on recently winning the Australian Hotel's Association NSW Women in Tourism and Hospitality Scholarship.
- (2) Acknowledges that the \$20,000 scholarship will allow Ms Smith to undertake a Bachelor of Business (International Hotel and Resorts Management) at the Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School at Leura.



Restaurateurs David and Nicole Campbell

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 13/09/2012 (Article No.65)

RESTAURATEURS DAVID AND NICOLE CAMPBELL

Page: 15167

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates David and Nicole Campbell on their successful opening of the new Wharf Road Restaurant and Bar in Nowra.
- (2) Acknowledges that this new restaurant and bar, which will generate tourism and jobs in the local hospitality industry, is a very welcome addition to the Shoalhaven.
- (3) Notes that the restaurant and bar offers simple, delicious food and great wine in a relaxed atmosphere.



Tournament of Minds Competition

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 20/09/2012 (Article No.33)

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS COMPETITION

Page: 15548

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates students Breanna Macey, Thea Stephenson, Alice Yeng, Harrison Babister, Andrea Farrugia, Corey Gibson and Nicola Lombardi of Smith's Hill High School, representing the New South Wales south coast, on winning the maths engineering section of the Tournament of Minds held at the University of New South Wales on 9 September 2012.
- (2) Acknowledges that the Tournament of Minds competition enables students to participate in a major intellectual challenge with over 355 schools and 680 teams participating.
- (3) Notes that the Australasian Pacific final will take place in Perth between 18 and 21 October 2012.



Shoalhaven Mayor Joanna Gash

SHOALHAVEN MAYOR JOANNA GASH

Page: 15548

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Joanna Gash on being popularly elected as the new mayor of Shoalhaven City Council on 8 September 2012.
- (2) Acknowledges the experience Mrs Gash will bring to the mayoralty following her 16 years as the Federal member for Gilmore.



Bomaderry Tigers Australian Football Club

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 18/10/2012 (Article No.27)

BOMADERRY TIGERS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

Page: 16010

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the Bomaderry Tigers Australian Football Club under 18 years team on its recent grand final victory, which reflects the hard work and determination of the players involved.
- (2) Acknowledges the ongoing contribution and personal sacrifices made by the club's secretary Mrs J Hickmott and the other dedicated members of the club's committee.



Kiama Meals on Wheels

KIAMA MEALS ON WHEELS

Page: 16010

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates the 2011-12 management committee of Kiama Meals on Wheels, including president Ann Dawes, vice president Shirley Bushnell, secretary Jenny Russell, treasurer Shirley Kehlet, client representatives Ailsa Jones Hawkins and Micahel Rankin and public officer Jennifer Hudson.
- (2) Acknowledges the outstanding and ongoing contribution these volunteers make in providing an important service for the elderly and disadvantaged in the local Kiama community.



Athlete Bridgette Davis

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 18/10/2012 (Article No.29)

ATHLETE BRIDGETTE DAVIS

Page: 16010

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Bridgette Davis of Kiama Public School on successfully qualifying in the long jump for the regional carnival in Canberra.
- (2) Notes that Bridgette's hard work and training has allowed her to achieve this outstanding result.





Athlete Tiarn East

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 18/10/2012 (Article No.30)

ATHLETE TIARN EAST

Page: 16010

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Tiarn East of Kiama Public School on successfully qualifying in the shot put for the regional carnival in Canberra.
- (2) Notes that Tiarn's hard work and training has allowed her to achieve this outstanding result.



Athlete Dane Cliff

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 18/10/2012 (Article No.31)

ATHLETE DANE CLIFF

Page: 16011

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Dane Cliff of Kiama Public School on his recent success at the school sports carnival, winning five of the six events he competed in.
- (2) Notes that Dane's achievement is one that he should be extremely proud of.



South Coast Regional Tourism Organisation Chairman Brian

Longbottom

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 25/10/2012 (Article No.17)

SOUTH COAST REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION CHAIRMAN BRIAN LONGBOTTOM

Page: 16514

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Brian Longbottom on being elected chairman of South Coast Regional Tourism Organisation replacing outgoing chairman Rob Pollock.
- (2) Acknowledges Brian Longbottom's ongoing excellent representation of local tourism operators as chairman of Kiama Tourism.



Retirement of Rosemary Turner

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 25/10/2012 (Article No.18)

RETIREMENT OF ROSEMARY TURNER

Page: 16514

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Acknowledges the retirement of Rosemary Turner as the president of the Robertson Show Society.
- (2) Notes Rosemary Turner's many years of service, dedication and hard work involved with the Robertson Show Society and her efforts towards funding the refurbishment of the Robertson Showground Pavilion.





Robertson Show Society President Leesa Stratford

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 25/10/2012 (Article No.19)

ROBERTSON SHOW SOCIETY PRESIDENT LEESA STRATFORD

Page: 16514

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Leesa Stratford on being elected the president of the Robertson Show Society.
- (2) Acknowledges Leesa Stratford previous role as the society's secretary and wishes her every success in her new role leading into the 2013 Robertson Show.



Wendy Stubbs Community Service

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 25/10/2012 (Article No.20)

WENDY STUBBS COMMUNITY SERVICE

Page: 16514

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Wendy Stubbs of Albion Park for her hard work and contribution whilst serving on the Shellharbour City Council Traffic Committee.
- (2) Acknowledges Wendy's long history of involvement with community groups in Albion Park and her passionate commitment to the Illawarra region.



Activated Group

ACTIVATED GROUP

Page: 16514

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Dane Cornish from the Activated Group on being named Young Business Leader of the Year at the Origin 2012 Shoalhaven Business Excellence Awards.
- (2) Acknowledges the Activated Group on being awarded as winner of the Outstanding e-Business category.



Silos Estate

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 25/10/2012 (Article No.22)

SILOS ESTATE

Page: 16514

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Rajarshi and Sofie Ray of Silos Estate in Berry on being named Shoalhaven's Business of the Year at the Origin 2012 Shoalhaven Business Excellence Awards.
- (2) Acknowledges the reputation of Silos Estate as a premier location in the Shoalhaven to host country weddings and corporate events.



Shoalhaven Business Leader of the Year John Lamont

SHOALHAVEN BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR JOHN LAMONT

Page: 16514

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates John Lamont of Nowra Chemicals on being named Business Leader of the Year at the Origin 2012 Shoalhaven Business Excellence Awards.
- (2) Acknowledges John Lamont's contribution to the Shoalhaven business community as the immediate past president of the Shoalhaven Business Chamber.



East Coast Fire and Safety

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 25/10/2012 (Article No.24)

EAST COAST FIRE AND SAFETY

Page: 16514

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House congratulates East Coast Fire and Safety on recently winning the Outstanding Home Based Business as well as the Retail and Personal Service Excellence categories at the Origin 2012 Shoalhaven Business Excellence Awards.



South Coast First Aid Training

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 25/10/2012 (Article No.25)

SOUTH COAST FIRST AID TRAINING

Page: 16514

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House congratulates South Coast First Aid Training on recently winning the Outstanding New Shoalhaven Business category at the Origin 2012 Shoalhaven Business Excellence Awards.



Essential Personnel Community Sector Award

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/11/2012 (Article No.8)

ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL COMMUNITY SECTOR AWARD

Page: 16946

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House congratulates Essential Personnel on winning the Excellence in the Community Sector Award at the Origin 2012 Shoalhaven Business Excellence Awards.



Anchor Bay Motel Service Excellence Award

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/11/2012 (Article No.9)

ANCHOR BAY MOTEL SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Page: 16946

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House congratulates the Anchor Bay Motel on winning the Service Excellence Award at the Origin 2012 Shoalhaven Business Excellence Awards.



South Coast Welding and Fabrication Small Business Award

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/11/2012 (Article No.10)

SOUTH COAST WELDING AND FABRICATION SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

Page: 16946

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House congratulates South Coast Welding & Fabrication on winning the Excellence in Small Business Award at the Origin 2012 Shoalhaven Business Excellence Awards.



Strongbuild Building and Construction Award

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/11/2012 (Article No.11)

STRONGBUILD BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Page: 16946

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Strongbuild on winning the Excellence in Building and Construction Award at the Origin 2012 Shoalhaven Business Excellence Awards.
- (2) Notes the outstanding contribution Strongbuild has made to the Shoalhaven and South Coast economy.
- (3) Acknowledges the strength of Strongbuild's leadership and the wonderful role it plays in raising building industry standards.



Horizon Credit Union Property and Finance Award

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/11/2012 (Article No.12)

HORIZON CREDIT UNION PROPERTY AND FINANCE AWARD

Page: 16946

Mr GARETH WARD—That this House congratulates Horizon Credit Union on winning the Excellence in Property and Finance Award at the Origin 2012 Shoalhaven Business Excellence Awards.



Rambor Pty Ltd Business Excellence Awards

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/11/2012 (Article No.13)

RAMBOR PTY LTD BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House congratulates Rambor Pty Ltd on winning both the Excellence in Resources and Manufacturing Award and the Excellence in Export Award at the Origin 2012 Shoalhaven Business Excellence Awards.



Activated Group Pty Ltd Business Excellence Awards

ACTIVATED GROUP PTY LTD BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House congratulates the Activated Group on winning both the Excellence in Innovation Award and the Outstanding E-Business Award at the Origin 2012 Shoalhaven Business Excellence Awards.



Clifton Accountants Professional and Commercial Award

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 15/11/2012 (Article No.15)

CLIFTON ACCOUNTANTS PROFESSIONAL AND COMMERCIAL AWARD

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House congratulates Clifton Accountants on winning the Excellence in Professional and Commercial Award at the Origin 2012 Shoalhaven Business Excellence Awards.



Kiama Showgirl Winner Kathryn Cullen

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 28/02/2013 (Article No.6)

KIAMA SHOWGIRL WINNER KATHRYN CULLEN

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Kathryn Cullen, of Gerringong, on winning the 2013 Kiama Showgirl Competition.
 - (2) Acknowledges Ms Cullen's role in the local community as an advocate for rural women.
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Order of Australia Medal Recipient Wendy Woodward

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 28/02/2013 (Article No.7)

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL RECIPIENT WENDY WOODWARD

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Wendy Woodward on receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to the community.
 - (2) Acknowledges Ms Woodward's involvement in a number of community groups, including Berry Meals on Wheels, the Look Good-Feel Better program supporting women with breast cancer, Shoalhaven Spring Festival, Shoalhaven Food Festival, Berry Chamber of Commerce, Scouts, Roo Theatre, the Linear Accelerator Fund-raising Committee and the Shoalhaven Local Emergency Management Committee.
 - (3) Notes Ms Woodward's ongoing commitment to child protection through her work with the Bravehearts organisation in the Shoalhaven, having established the New South Wales branch in 2007.
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Commendation for Excellence Recipient Ian Stewart

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 28/02/2013 (Article No.8)

COMMENDATION FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT IAN STEWART

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Ian Stewart on receiving a Commendation for Excellence in Emergency Operations from the Fire Services Joint Standing Committee in 2008.
- (2) Acknowledges Mr Stewart's outstanding incident management skills and his appointment as incident controller at major fires across the State, including at the recent fires in the Shoalhaven.
- (3) Notes Mr Stewart's 32 years of involvement with the NSW Rural Fire Service.



Order of Australia Medal Recipient Malcolm Weir

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 28/02/2013 (Article No.9)

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL RECIPIENT MALCOLM WEIR

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Malcolm Weir, of Gerringong, on receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to the Gerringong community.
- (2) Acknowledges Mr Weir's service to the local community, including with the Gerringong Rural Fire Brigade since 1962 where he has served as Captain for 25 years and with the Gerringong Public School Parents and Citizens Association where he has served as President for three years.
- (3) Notes Mr Weir's many years of commitment to supporting the Children's Medical Research Institute, Gerringong Committee.





Order of Australia Medal Recipient Artis Medenis

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 28/02/2013 (Article No.10)

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL RECIPIENT ARTIS MEDENIS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Artis Medenis on receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to veterinary science and to the community.
- (2) Acknowledges Mr Medenis' 52 years as a veterinary surgeon, operating his own practice in Gerringong.
- (3) Notes Mr Medenis' involvement with the Rotary Club of Berry-Gerringong since 1965, including his personal donation of \$70,000 to a rural scholarship fund in 2005.



Shellharbour Citizen of the Year Peter Lindwall

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 28/02/2013 (Article No.11)

SHELLHARBOUR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR PETER LINDWALL

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Peter Lindwall on being named Shellharbour City Council's 2013 Citizen of the Year for his outstanding volunteer work with St Vincent de Paul over many years.
- (2) Acknowledges Mr Lindwall's dedication and volunteer spirit as a retired police officer who is a great credit to the Shellharbour community.





Shellharbour Young Citizen of the Year Rowan Parkinson

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 28/02/2013 (Article No.12)

SHELLHARBOUR YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR ROWAN PARKINSON

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Rowan Parkinson, of Warilla, on being named Shellharbour City Council's 2013 Young Citizen of the Year.
- (2) Acknowledges that Rowan was recognised for his community involvement, including being the youngest member on the board of the Watershed Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Education Centre.



Albion Park Showgirl Winner Sheree Troy

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 28/02/2013 (Article No.13)

ALBION PARK SHOWGIRL WINNER SHEREE TROY

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Sheree Troy on winning the 2013 Albion Park Showgirl Competition.
- (2) Acknowledges her role in the local community as an advocate for rural women.





Albion Park Showgirl Runner-up Jessica Rueda

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 28/02/2013 (Article No.14)

ALBION PARK SHOWGIRL RUNNER-UP JESSICA RUEDA

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Jessica Rueda on being runner up in the 2013 Albion Park Showgirl Competition.
- (2) Acknowledges her role in the local community as an advocate for rural women.



Literary Awards Nominee Noel Beddoe

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 14/03/2013 (Article No.19)

LITERARY AWARDS NOMINEE NOEL BEDDOE

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulations Noel Beddoe, of Kiama Downs, on his nomination for the Miles Franklin prize and the NSW Premier's Award for Literature.
- (2) Notes that the University of Queensland Press has acquired the publication rights for Mr Beddoe's novel *On Cringila Hill*.





Albion Park Little Athletics State Team Members

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 14/03/2013 (Article No.52)

ALBION PARK LITTLE ATHLETICS STATE TEAM MEMBERS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Jade Mustapic, Shenay Edwards, Taylah Vella, Karissa High, Ben Fowler, Dylan Plumridge, Zac Daniel and Jye Shumack of the Albion Park Little Athletics Club under-11 and under-12 divisions, for assisting the New South Wales team retain the Trans-Tasman Challenge at the Campbelltown Sports Centre.
- (2) Acknowledges that the athletes won their places on the team following trials held last year, with Jade being the New South Wales captain for the second year.



National Sausage King Competition Runnerup Mountain Side

Meats

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 14/03/2013 (Article No.53)

NATIONAL SAUSAGE KING COMPETITION RUNNER -UP MOUNTAIN SIDE MEATS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House congratulates Nathan Alcock, Shaun Hill and Bradey Monteith of Mountain Side Meats, of Shoalhaven Heads, on recently achieving second place at the National Sausage King Competition in the Australian pork sausage division.



Queen's Scout Award Recipient Timothy Booth

QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD RECIPIENT TIMOTHY BOOTH

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Mr Timothy Booth, of Kiama Downs, on being presented with the Queen's Scout Award.
- (2) Notes that the Queen's Scout Award is the highest award attainable within the Venturer Scouts category for 15- to 18-year-olds.



Berry Show Girl 2013 Elle Davidson

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 14/03/2013 (Article No.55)

BERRY SHOW GIRL 2013 ELLE DAVIDSON

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Elle Davidson, of Coolangatta, on recently being named the 2013 Berry Show Girl.
- (2) Notes that Elle is currently studying law to become a criminal law prosecutor.



Berry Show 125th Anniversary

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 14/03/2013 (Article No.56)

BERRY SHOW 125TH ANNIVERSARY

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Acknowledges that this year is the 125th Berry Show.
- (2) Congratulates Paul Gibson, President of the Berry Show Society, and the Berry Show Society committee for successfully staging the 2013 show.
- (3) Acknowledges that the Berry Show joins a small number of regional shows around New South Wales to reach this milestone.



Kangaroo Valley Pioneer Museum

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 14/03/2013 (Article No.57)

KANGAROO VALLEY PIONEER MUSEUM

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Elaine Apperley and the Kangaroo Valley Pioneer Museum for successfully applying for funding to provide for the construction of a new machinery shed.
- (2) Acknowledges the contribution Elaine and her team make to promoting knowledge about local history particularly among students and young people.



Kiama Riding for the Disabled

KIAMA RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates Carmen Netherclift and Kiama Riding for the Disabled for recently securing funding for the upgrade of their amenities block.
- (2) Acknowledges the tireless dedication and contribution of Carmen and the extraordinary impact of their effort to aid and assist people with a disability.



Kangaroo Valley Show 2013

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 14/03/2013 (Article No.59)

KANGAROO VALLEY SHOW 2013

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Congratulates David Kent and the Kangaroo Valley Show Society for organising the successful 2013 Kangaroo Valley Show.
- (2) Acknowledges that the show continues to receive strong support from the community with many residents taking the opportunity to visit the show on the Friday, a local public holiday.



Kiama Rugby Sevens

KIAMA RUGBY SEVENS

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Mr GARETH WARD—That this House:

- (1) Acknowledges that Kiama Rugby recently celebrated the forty-first anniversary of the Kiama Rugby Sevens competition.
- (2) Acknowledges the dedication of Mark Bryant, as coordinator, and the efforts of the Kiama Rugby Club committee to ensure the community celebrated this milestone.



Shoalhaven Linear Accelerator Committee

Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard of 14/03/2013 (Article No.176)

SHOALHAVEN LINEAR ACCELERATOR COMMITTEE

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Mr GARETH WARD (Kiama) [4.59 p.m]: Today I acknowledge the extraordinary work of the Linear Accelerator Committee [LINAC], which recently handed a cheque for more than \$500,000 to NSW Health for the linear accelerator project. In particular, I acknowledge chair Mayor Joanna Gash and former chairs Councillor Greg Watson and the Hon. Paul Green, MLC, and committee members, including Paul Dean and Mick Ison, who have made an extraordinary contribution to this facility. There can be no doubt that without these fundraising contributions, which now total well over \$1.7 million, this facility would not have been available to our community. These funds will provide the accommodation component of the Cancer Care Centre at Shoalhaven hospital. Last week I joined the Speaker and member for South Coast, the Federal member for Gilmore, and the Mayor of Shoalhaven City to take receipt of these moneys, which were raised through a number of fundraising organisations. In particular, I commend Lions Club Australia for its tireless efforts in this regard.