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OPPORTUNITY TO REWARD AND RECOGNISE IPSWICH SENIORS

The Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today called on Ipswich people to nominate an older person who is contributing to our families, workplaces, community and economy.

Each year, the Premier, Peter Beattie, gives Queenslanders the opportunity to reward our seniors for their contribution by holding the Premier's Awards for Queensland Seniors.

"The Premier's Awards for Queensland Seniors seek to identify and recognise older people for the enormous contributions they have made, and continue to make, to their communities," Ms Nolan said.

"Ipswich has a proud history of volunteering and it is this sense of community that makes Ipswich the best place to live."

Previous award recipients demonstrate the diversity of their achievements through a wide range of voluntary activities and this diversity challenges some of the assumptions held in the community and the media about growing older.

"I would urge Ipswich people of all ages to nominate an Ipswich person (aged over 50) whom they believe deserves recognition for their contribution to their community."

Nominations close 20 June 2005. For further information and Nomination forms contact the Office for Seniors, Department of Communities, GPO Box 806, Brisbane Q 4001 or go to the website www.communities.qld.gov.au or telephone the Ipswich Electorate Office on 3202 3452.