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MACARTHUR LEGAL CENTRE

Mr PAUL LYNCH (Liverpool) (17:23): I draw to the attention of the House the Macarthur Legal Centre [MLC]. The MLC is a community legal centre that has as part of its core function the provision of legal services to community members who might otherwise not be able to access them. MLC was established in 1987 and celebrated its thirtieth anniversary at a function on Friday 3 November, which I was delighted to attend. The celebration also included the presentation of a number of awards. Speeches were delivered and awards were presented by, among others, Peta Andersson, the chair of MLC; Supreme Court Appeal Justice His Honour Justice Anthony Payne; His Honour Magistrate Graham Blewitt, AM; His Honour, Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Bathurst; and Prue Gregory, previously principal solicitor at MLC and currently principal solicitor at Knowmore. The master of ceremonies was MLC executive officer Robert Pelletier, and Aunty Joyce provided an acknowledgement of country. The MLC auspices the Macarthur Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service and the South West Sydney Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service. The centre provides free legal advice, referrals and assistance to residents of the Macarthur region, with services extending as far as Goulburn.