



Speech by

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### DEATH OF MRS D WHITE

**Mr CRIPPS** (Hinchinbrook—NPA) (10.13 pm): I rise tonight to put on record my deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Dorothy May White, who passed away suddenly at her home at Upper Stone west of Ingham on Tuesday, 12 June 2007. Dorothy White had been a long-serving and committed member of the Nationals for many years, holding office bearer positions in a number of local branches and committees. Dorothy supported the party through many successful periods and through many difficult periods but always faithfully and proudly, believing strongly in the policies and philosophies of the party. Dorothy was a gentle, unassuming and kind person. She was fond of dancing and eventually Dorothy was married to her husband Frank in 1955 after they had met at one of the many regular dances in the Herbert River district at the time, a feature of life in regional Queensland that was, unfortunately, much more prominent then than it is now. I suspect many members of this place will agree that they are aware of many courtships in their family or amongst their friends that began at these traditional bush dances.

Dorothy was born in Ingham on 17 May 1936. Her family lived at Upper Stone, the area where she was to spend her whole life. Frank and Dorothy had three children—Allan, Lynette and Nola—and Dorothy was very devoted to her family. Dorothy enjoyed the blessing of grandchildren later in her life and she was very proud of them. Dorothy had a number of other interests in her life, including voluntary community service. Dorothy was a long-serving and committed member of the Upper Stone branch of the Queensland Country Women's Association. Through the Upper Stone branch of the CWA and in her own private time, Dorothy pursued a love of craft and other domestic skills. She was a very committed member of the Red Cross and volunteered many hours in the service of those less fortunate in the community.

Dorothy was a very committed volunteer at the local Hinchinbrook tourist information centre in Ingham. For many years Dorothy and Frank have volunteered regularly at the information centre in Ingham which, until 2 June this year, was located within the Hinchinbrook Shire Council chambers. A new Hinchinbrook tourist information centre was opened as part of the Tyto Wetlands Interpretive Centre in a brand-new building. Dorothy was excited to attend the opening of the new centre on 2 June and it was very fortunate that she had the opportunity to volunteer at the new information centre once or twice before she passed away. Most importantly of all, Dorothy was devoted to her husband Frank, as Frank was to Dorothy. Living on their sugarcane farm at Upper Stone, Dorothy enjoyed all of the benefits and challenges of a rural lifestyle. While Dorothy's practical skills made the task of keeping a house in the bush achievable, her love and commitment to her family truly made the house a home. To Frank and his family, please know that my thoughts and prayers and those of your friends are with you during this difficult time. Dorothy White will be sadly missed by all who knew her.