



## **THE HON JUSTINE ELLIOT MP**

### **Minister for Ageing**

#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

12 June 2009

#### **COMMUNITY HERO HONOURED BY MINISTER FOR AGEING**

Minister for Ageing, Justine Elliot and Member for Longman, Jon Sullivan today honoured local community hero Mr Ces Conte with a Community Service Award at a presentation ceremony at the Caboolture Senior Citizens Hall.

The award recognises individuals or organisations that provide outstanding service to older Australians.

“Ces is a very worthy recipient of the award and is an inspiration to the local community,” Minister Elliot said.

“The award is an Australian Government initiative designed to recognise the contribution of people whose efforts might otherwise go unrecognised,” Minister Elliot said.

Mr Ces Conte has been involved with the Caboolture community for a many years and has made a lasting contribution through his roles as:

- President of the Caboolture Multicultural Association;
- Chairperson of the Caboolture Neighbourhood Centre;
- Convenor of the Caboolture and Redcliffe Multi Cultural Forum; and
- President of the Parish Council of St Peters Church.

He has been a driving force behind the Neighbourhood Centre and the Multicultural Association, during the last nine years as President of the Caboolture Multicultural Association. He is highly regarded in Caboolture and is known for his enthusiasm, energy and deep commitment to his community.

Member for Longman, Jon Sullivan said he was proud to see such a remarkable local resident recognised for his hard work and effort.

“Ces has made an outstanding contribution to people’s lives and it is great that he is being recognised for it,” Mr Sullivan said.

“He is an asset to Caboolture and the presentation of this award by the Minister for Ageing on behalf of our community is a mark of our respect for his contribution. It is our way of saying thank you on behalf of all of us,” Mr Sullivan said.

**Media contact: Kathryn Conroy 0448 249 447 and Jon Sullivan 5428 7755**