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TWIN CITIES LEISURE ACCESSIBLE CLUB

Mr TURNER (Thuringowa—IND) (10.21 a.m.): It is with a sense of pride and satisfaction that I advise the House that the Twin Cities Leisure Accessible Club has launched their purpose-built vessel for seniors and people with a disability. It was a great day with nearly every one of the 60 people present taking the opportunity to ride in the boat. The maiden run was terrific, with seven wheelchair-bound people on board unable to wipe the smiles from their faces. The Leisure Accessible Club was designed for improving the quality of life for seniors and people with a disability. It is about making friends and participating in community life. The lives of the less mobile and even forgotten people in our community can be a real drudgery. It was tremendously exciting to add something to their lives that they can dream about and plan for and make a reality. That day was the end of more than a year's effort by a small number of people, but it is the beginning of many years of pleasure for a large number of people in our community.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Leisure Accessible Committee. It is satisfying to know that I introduced the idea, but it was the dedicated work of the committee that made it the success it is. We have taken one more important step towards equal opportunities. I thank the Government for providing funding for the vessel. With good management, the Leisure Accessible Club will go from strength to strength and more clubs will appear around the State. It was a great day.
