



Speech by

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANISATIONS, KAWANA ELECTORATE**

**Mr CUMMINS** (Kawana—ALP) (10.22 a.m.): Community service organisations such as Lions, Apex, Rotary and others are valuable to our society, building vital links within our communities. Late last year I again was privileged to host the well respected Rotary Club of Kawana Waters when it visited the people's parliament. Kawana Waters Rotary is a great club with a very positive outlook. I am very proud to class its members as good friends. They visit me in parliament annually, and I would encourage them to visit every six months.

Earlier this year, the Rotary Club of Kawana Waters Incorporated held the Longest Lunch on the Sunshine Coast. All funds raised will be donated to the Sunshine Coast Health Services Foundation for the Sunshine Coast Cancer Centre—a truly worthwhile cause. On Friday, 21 March at Alexandra Parade near the Alexandra surf club, we had an opportunity to donate to a worthwhile cause and put something back into the Sunshine Coast community. I applaud all Sunshine Coast businesses who are actively involved. This marvellous event was sponsored by Sunshine Coast press, including Mix FM, the local 7 News and the *Sunshine Coast Daily*.

The Sunshine Coast has a very active community and continues to attract thousands of retirees who choose to enjoy a sea change. I strongly encourage all residents to consider putting back into our community and becoming actively involved in one of our numerous community service organisations on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. I commend the over two dozen charter members of the Queensland Parliament Lions Club, which has held its first few meetings. I commend you, Mr Speaker, and all other honourable members involved.