



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Police Citizens Youth Club, Townsville

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (9.53 am): Young people in Townsville will benefit from the state government's recent decision to invest \$2.77 million in upgrading facilities at the Townsville Police Citizens Youth Club. The new facilities will help the club provide sporting, recreational, cultural and welfare programs to the community. The Townsville City Council has offered to contribute \$1.5 million towards the \$4.27 million project, and I thank it for that commitment. I also want to acknowledge the representations of all the local members on this, including the local member Lindy Nelson-Carr. I seek leave to have the remainder of my ministerial statement incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The new facilities will transform the Townsville PCYC into a state-of-the-art facility that will help build and strengthen the local community and get more Townsville residents active.

I'd also like to acknowledge the Member for Mundingburra, Lindy Nelson-Carr, for her strong representation on behalf of the local area in securing this funding.

Supporting facilities such as this demonstrate our commitment to encouraging more Queenslanders to participate in regular, life-long, physical activity.

As I've said before, my Government is serious about addressing the alarming increases in obesity levels over the past four years.

That's why we are holding the Queensland Obesity Summit on 3 and 4 May to bring together a range of experts and stakeholders to identify effective new strategies to promote and achieve healthier lifestyles for Queenslanders.