



Speech by

# Hon. PETER BEATTIE

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### 100 Club

**Hon. PD BEATTIE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.48 am): I also want to draw the attention of the House to the fact that the 100 Club will meet here today. It is one of the most exclusive clubs of all time. A person has to be 100 years old to get into it. I am happy to report that the oldest Queenslander is Gladys Hardwick, who lives in my home town of Atherton at the Carinya Home for the Aged. Gladys is 109 years of age. We make them tough where I come from. I seek leave to incorporate details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

There is no more exclusive club in the world than the 100+ Club and I am proud to be its patron.

It is the only social club in the world for people over 100, with 115 current members in Qld today.

Gladys is 109 years of age and I send 'Ma' Hardwick and the staff at Carinya my sincerest regards—Gladys prefers to be called "Ma" because she says Gladys is an old person's name!

Ma Hardwick embodies the great spirit of the 100+ Club—at 103, she was still climbing paw-paw trees to pick fruit for her great-great-grandkids!

I would also like to congratulate the Qld Community Care Network for the wonderful job they do in organising volunteers to visit the aged.

QCCN is the largest organisation of its kind in Qld with 300 volunteers covering an area from Roma in the west, to Bli Bli in the north and to the Tweed River in the south.

Just because someone is over 100 doesn't mean they can't still get out and do things—the list of requests for activities from some of the Club members would put some sit-at-home teenagers to shame!

100 Plussers have been riding in hot air balloons—riding on the back of Harley Davidsons—Working out in the gym—and visiting the Polar Bears at Seaworld.

They are setting the bar high for the rest of us to follow.