




Speech by

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FERNY GROVE ELECTORATE, LIONS CLUBS

 **Mr SHUTTLEWORTH** (Ferny Grove—LNP) (12.34 am): I rise in the House this evening to pay tribute to the Lions clubs throughout the electorate of Ferny Grove, all of which are preparing for their annual changeover events for the changing of the guard of the presidencies. Lions is an international network of 1.3 million men and women in 200 countries and geographic areas who work together to answer the needs and challenges of their communities around the world. Known for working to bring an end to preventable blindness, Lions participate in a vast variety of projects important to their communities. These projects range from cleaning up local parks to providing supplies to victims of natural disasters.

Beginning in 1917, the association of Lions clubs has provided millions of people with the opportunity to give something back to their communities. Lions clubs are an integral part of community life throughout our cities and regional areas of Queensland. Lions clubs are easily identified by their distinctive logo and according to their motto 'We serve'.

Throughout the electorate of Ferny Grove there are six established Lions clubs: the Golden Valley Keperra Lions Club, Brisbane Bunya Lions, Samford Lions, Golden Valley Keperra Lioness Club, Keperra Kings Lioness Club and the Golden Valley Keperra Leos Club. The largest of these, the Golden Valley Keperra—or GVK—Lions was chartered in April 1972 and has grown to be a large and dynamic organisation of volunteers who devote a portion of their spare time to helping those in the community who need their support.

As well as celebrating their 40th birthday this year, they are holding their changeover evening on 30 June. I would like to thank the current president, Lyn Pysden, for her dedication and enthusiasm in her service over the past year and I wish her well in her continued service to the GVK Lions. I would also like to wish the incoming president, Jan Spathonis, all the best for the coming year.

On 12 February 1981 the Lions Club of Brisbane Bunya was officially chartered. The charter night was held on 28 March 1981 and from that night until now the Lions Club of Brisbane Bunya Inc. has continued to function and currently enjoys membership of over 40 men and women. The Brisbane Bunya Lions are holding their changeover on 7 July and current president, Margaret Keen, has my well wishes for the year ahead as does the incoming president.

The Samford Lions president, John Burnham, is holding the changeover on 1 July and will continue to provide outstanding service to the many community groups throughout the Samford Valley regions. Frank Assink is the incoming president of that club. Throughout the year, while many hours of volunteers' time is spent on numerous activities throughout the electorate and surrounds, the pinnacle fundraiser event is the Hills Community Carols held annually in the George Willmore Park.

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