




Speech by

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ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN MEN'S SOCIETY

 **Mr BERRY** (Ipswich—LNP) (9.20 pm): On Saturday, 9 June 2012 I had the privilege of attending the St Paul's Anglican Men's Society's quarterly breakfast at the St Paul's Parish Centre in Ipswich. It was great for me to meet with local church members to tell my story and tell them a little about myself. I can assure members here today that I did that with humility. I am told that St Paul's Anglican Church is the second oldest Anglican Church in Queensland and is home to the first pipe organ to ever arrive in Queensland from London. It was installed in 1860.

However, it is the work of the Anglican Men's Society, like many community groups in my electorate, that does our city of Ipswich proud. The St Paul's Anglican Men's Society is a strong branch of members of the St Paul's parish. It aims to allow parishioners to practise their faith and contribute to the community through brotherhood. Parishioners donated heavily their time, money and clothing during the dreaded 2011 Queensland floods under the guidance of the Reverend Mathew Jones. It plays an active role in all support networks for members in the Ipswich community.

The Anglican Men's Society also has strong links with local schools, in particular the West Moreton Anglican College in Karrabin. The Anglican Men's Society has an extensive and strong history of supporting not only the local Ipswich community but also the broader Australian community.

During the Second World War the Anglican Men's Society established a hostel for local service personnel and troops in transit, and also provided meals and entertainment to the servicemen. In fact, parishioner Mavis Parkinson, a great Queenslander from St Paul's, served as a missionary to Papua New Guinea from 1937 to 1942. Mavis Parkinson was killed by invading Japanese forces in 1942 and is to this day remembered throughout Ipswich and the local community.

I would like to personally acknowledge and thank the current chairman of the Anglican Men's Society, York McFadzean, and secretary Andy Brodersen for giving me the warmest of welcomes. I look forward to attending another St Paul's Anglican Men's Society function in the very near future.