




Speech by

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ROSEWOOD LIONS CLUB

 **Mr CHOAT** (Ipswich West—LNP) (10.19 pm): I rise to speak about the Lions Club of Rosewood. Recently, my wife, Nicky, and I had the pleasure of attending the annual changeover lunch at the Royal George Hotel and I know they enjoyed the antics of our little Eloise. Just like our other great Lions clubs in Ipswich West, the Rosewood Lions are dedicated to the selfless service of others and make such a positive difference to the lives of people from across the community. The changeover lunch was a great event for the Rosewood Lions. I know the members are grateful for the tireless efforts put in by Past President Lion Lyall McEwin to keep the club strong and the changeover's huge attendance is a reflection of that.

I am thrilled that the board of directors for 2012-13 is led by hardworking President, Lion Eyris Heit. It was no surprise at the Australia Day Community Awards that Eirys was selected as Rosewood Citizen of the Year. I was very pleased to be present, along with hardworking Ipswich councillor for division 10 Councillor David Pahlke and our ever-popular Mayor Paul Pisasale, when Eirys was recognised in this way.

The 2012-13 Rosewood Lions board of directors is comprised of Past President and Membership Club Care Lion Lyall McKewin, Secretary Lion John Mcrae, Treasurer Lion Dona Waters, Assistant Treasurer Lion Ian Letchford, and Vice President Lions Christine Forrest, Bernie Newell and Ivan Schindler. Other members of the board of directors are one-year directors Lions Clyde Nicoll and Trevor Halter, two-year directors Lions Len Henry and Pat Gil, Tail Twister and Installing Officer Lion Greg Tutt, Lion Tamer Lion Bill Freeman, Bulletin Editor Lion Dale Smith and, of course, the District Governor Lion Merv Ferguson.

Over the past year the Rosewood Lions have worked with the community for the local area and its people in many great endeavours and much fundraising for some very worthy causes. Some of the more notable endeavours from 2011-12 were the Lions Youth of the Year Quest, which was held in February. It was great to see the winner, Madeline Rogers from West Moreton Anglican College, go on to represent Rosewood Lions at the regional finals. Madeline was the overall winner on the night. I congratulate Lion Clyde Nicoll, Youth of the Year Coordinator, for his efforts on behalf of the Rosewood Lions and for this great example of fostering excellence in our young people.

Other projects include ongoing support for the Ipswich Tennis Championships led by Project Coordinator Lion Ivan Schindler, the Driver Reviver Project led by Coordinator Lion Clyde Nicoll and, of course, the fabulous Used Glasses Project led by Coordinator Lion Ron Embrey. Those projects give so much to the community and I am sure we will see the continuation of those great initiatives into the future.

I would like to report to the House that last year the Rosewood Lions donated a total of more than \$11,000 to community groups, clubs, schools and needy individuals from across the region. Last week at the Rosewood Golf Club, I joined the Rosewood Lions for dinner where again they donated even more money and support to some great causes and to two little boys in particular, Kevin and Blaise. I know that they are so much better off for that support and I know just how much their families appreciate it. I thank the Rosewood Lions for their magnificent efforts and ongoing support for our community.