




Speech by

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LOWOOD LIONS CLUB

 **Mr CHOAT** (Ipswich West—LNP) (10.12 pm): I rise to speak about the Lions Club of Lowood. Recently, I had the pleasure of attending the club's 38th annual changeover dinner. Just like the other great Lions clubs in Ipswich West, the Lowood Lions are dedicated to selfless service to their community and make such a positive difference. The changeover was a great event for the Lowood Lions and I know the members are grateful for the tireless efforts put in by President Lion Kevin Larsen to keep the Lowood Lions strong. The achievements of the Lowood Lions throughout the previous year is a reflection of that. For 2012-13, the board of directors is once again led by President Lion Kevin Larsen. Both Kevin and Coral Larsen are longstanding local business people who are certainly pillars of the community.

I was very pleased to be joined at the changeover by Somerset Regional Council Mayor and Lion, Graeme Lehmann, Deputy Mayor Councillor Dan Hall and Councillor Jim Maddern. I was extremely proud to have been introduced to address the changeover by my good friend Councillor Lion Neil Zabel. Sadly, Neil is quite ill at the moment. I take this opportunity to extend my wishes for comfort at such a difficult time for him and Judy.

The 2012-13 Lowood Lions board of directors is also comprised of Vice Presidents Lion Tony Sherlock, Lion Sherron Hancock and Lion Keith Leese, Secretary and Safety Officer Lion Mike Clacy, Treasurer Lion Louise Wagstaff, Membership/Club Care and Youth of the Year Lion Ray Hogan, Lion Tamer Lion Col McNamara, Tail Twister Lion Lorrie Pfeiffer, Directors Lion George Ivers and Lion Heather Schiefelbein, Assistant Secretary Lion Max Malvern and Assistant Treasurer Lion Coral Larsen, Lions Mints—I am very pleased to say that I have some of those in my office—Lion Tom Endersby, Christmas Cakes Lion Coral Larsen and Lion Sherron Hancock and the Great Lowood Lions Catering Officers Lion Keith Leese, Lion Tony Sherlock, Lion Max Malvern and Lion Diana Malvern. I would also like to pay tribute to immediate past Secretary Lion Dorothy Galetti. Dorothy gave much valued service to the club.

The Lowood Lions celebrated some great achievements during the previous year. The disability picnic in Ipswich was well supported and once again was a great success for all who attended. The Lowood Lions held their first spring fair in conjunction with the Lowood art gallery, which was a tremendous success for all involved. Once again the Lowood Lions joined with the Fernvale Lions and Ozcare to provide a terrific Christmas barbecue for the residents of Tarampa Lodge, Fernvale Aftercare and the Fairhaven Centre at Blacksoil. This is a very important event that gives great joy to those people and a real sense of satisfaction to those who help put on the event. I thank the Lowood Lions for their magnificent efforts and their ongoing support for our community and their kind hospitality to me at the changeover dinner and when I attend their meetings.