




Speech By  
**Mark Boothman**

**MEMBER FOR ALBERT**

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 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Albert—LNP) (10.04 pm): Once again, Albert is the place to be, with the outstandingly successful Ormeau Lions Fair, continued progress on the John Muntz bridge and an announcement on the Coomera Town Centre. After more than a decade in the making, to loosely quote Neil Armstrong during the lunar landing, that is one small step for QIC and Westfield, but one giant leap for the people of Coomera and Albert.

Over the weekend of 10 and 11 August, the Ormeau Lions hosted their annual fair at the Brien Harris Oval. It was a picture perfect day with winter skies and warm welcoming weather. We could not have asked for a better weekend. The fair was a showcase of local businesses, vintage hotrods, sideshow alley and the classic sausage sizzle conducted by the Helensvale Lions Club and their head chef Lion Stewart Proud. These events take an enormous amount of preparation and funds, and I would like to add a special thanks to Councillor Donna Gates for organising \$10,000 in donations to help fund this community event. Money only goes so far and it also takes passionate volunteers and, most importantly, dedicated individuals who demonstrate leadership qualities through leading by example and doing the hard yards. It would be a crime to not mention a few of these passionate individuals. They include Ormeau Lions President Peter Young, Lyn Young, Peter Russell, Samantha Campbell, Carmel Austin, Steve Wright, Margaret O'Neil and Ray Tyley.

I would like to give a quick update on the new John Muntz bridge crossing the Coomera River. It is progressing extremely well. Recently residents marvelled at the installation of the concrete spans. The bridge is finally taking shape and the local residents are very pleased with that. I do ask residents to understand that there will be further delays due to traffic congestion during the installation of the Maudsland Road roundabout and the construction of both lanes on the northern side of the bridge.

Lastly, the Coomera Town Centre has been on the drawing board since 1996. It is an absolutely massive development which will create an enormous amount of employment for the area. I should thank my colleague Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera, and Councillor Donna Gates for their hard work on this project. I will continue to fight for funding to upgrade exit 54, which is a feeder road to this town centre.

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