




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Carindale PCYC

 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (2.42 pm): I rise today to pay tribute to one of Chatsworth's wonderful community organisations, the Carindale PCYC. The Carindale PCYC has served as a community hub for the suburbs of Carindale and Carina and the broader Chatsworth community since its opening in 1998. Originally a modest hall with few facilities, concerted fundraising activities by the Carindale PCYC committee and immense community support have enabled the PCYC to undertake extensive capital works. Today the Carindale PCYC complex boasts a number of quality facilities including a competition grade trampolining facility, a purpose-built youth room, a community garden and an outdoor play area. These wonderful facilities enable the Carindale PCYC to provide over 30 structured activities which cater to everyone from young children through to senior citizens. Many of the activities are designed to promote a healthy and active lifestyle and provide participants with the opportunity to learn a new sport such as gymnastics, trampolining or martial arts. The Carindale PCYC's core philosophy is to encourage family unity through the development of caring, respectful relationships. The PCYC enacts this philosophy by asking that parents and carers participate in sporting activities with their children or assist the qualified instructors.

In addition to the Carindale PCYC's outstanding efforts to provide sporting and recreational opportunities for our community, they have developed a range of personal development and crime prevention programs for all ages. Warranting special mention are the Girls With a Purpose and the Rite Way programs, designed to equip our young people with self-confidence, life skills and resilience to become strong and successful young adults. Another wonderful initiative of the Carindale PCYC is the Seniors Online Security Project, which teaches the older members of our community how to use emails, social networking and internet banking safely.

I would also like to draw to the attention of the House the Carindale PCYC's incredibly successful blue-light discos. Every month the PCYC hosts discos for students in years 3 to 7 and years 8 to 10 and also for students with special needs. Last month it was my pleasure to feature as a guest DJ at the year 8-10 disco, coming out of hibernation from 20 years ago when I used to DJ at nightclubs. While I am pleased to report that my choice of music was well received, the most heartening aspect of the evening was witnessing the joy on the faces of the young people as they danced with their friends, played games and enjoyed the amusement rides. I would like to sincerely thank the Carindale PCYC staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication—month in, month out—to make the blue-light discos a success and to provide our young people with a safe environment in which to have fun, make friends and socialise.

It is a privilege to have a facility such as the Carindale PCYC in the Chatsworth electorate. I am very proud to commend the work of Carindale PCYC staff, volunteers and the branch manager. And a special note of thanks must go to Sergeant Dave Beard, who does an outstanding job. I commend the PCYC at Carindale to the House.