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**Carindale, Quota Club**



**Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (2.37 pm): Mahatma Gandhi once told us—

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

With that in mind, I rise to bring to the attention of the House the tireless work and unwavering commitment of the Quota club of Carindale. The Quota club of Carindale is a service club in the truest sense of the term. The club is neither large nor extravagant. It is simply a wonderful group of dedicated members who meet at the local library once a month and who are committed to helping make the Chatsworth community and beyond a much better place. They are motivated by the Quota International motto, 'We share.' That is a simple sentiment that is often overlooked in a fast paced, modern society.

Throughout 2012 and 2013, the club has certainly embraced this motto, diligently raising funds to provide a helping hand to a number of worthy causes, including CleftPALS Queensland, the school chaplaincy programs at Mayfield State School and White Hill State College and the Asperger's support group. The club has also offered assistance afield to the communities of Condamine and St George, who were devastated by the effects of ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald, and has prepared gift parcels for Australian troops serving overseas.

The Quota club of Carindale does an outstanding job of organising and hosting an annual art and craft fair, which is now in its ninth year. This fantastic event, held in the heart of the Chatsworth electorate, draws visitors from across Brisbane and is a major fundraising event for the club. Quota International is an organisation committed to fostering a sense of community between members of different clubs from throughout Australia and the world. Quota International of Carindale has embraced the opportunity to work with other clubs and has hosted conferences on two separate occasions for the 16 clubs in the 30th district. Recently it was my distinct pleasure to attend the club's installation of officers ceremony. As always I was struck by the members' generous hospitality and the wonderful sense of camaraderie in the club. It is therefore no surprise that there is also a strong social side to the club with members regularly partaking in themed social dinners and vintage film nights.

In November 2012 Quota International of Carindale celebrated 25 years of sterling service. I would like to commend the work of the club over this time and wish them all the very best as they continue to serve our wonderful Chatsworth community. It is my absolute pleasure to commend the work of the club and the leadership of their president, Janette Taylor, to the House. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the ladies from Quota International of Carindale here in the chamber today. Long may they continue to do the fantastic work that they have done over 25 years. Ladies, I salute you. To the next 25 years! Thank you.