




Speech By
Hon. Tim Mander

MEMBER FOR EVERTON

Record of Proceedings, 3 April 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Everton Electorate, Events

 **Hon. TL MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Minister for Housing and Public Works) (8.11 pm): I rise in the House tonight to speak about some of the great things that are happening in the electorate of Everton. One of the things I want to mention is the Blackwood Street Chamber of Commerce. I have mentioned them before and I am sure most members would remember that. The Chamber of Commerce plays a major role in promoting businesses in the Mitchelton area and also creating great community spirit. One of the things they have tried to do over the last couple of years is have a steam train day where they hire the steam train from the Department of Transport and Main Roads—and I want to thank the minister for allowing this to happen—and sell tickets to raise money. It is a great day and a great community event and they raise good funds from that.

This year the Chamber of Commerce has distributed those funds to a number of organisations in my electorate. They gave \$1,000 to the Picabeen Community Centre, which is actually in the Premier's electorate but it services a couple of neighbouring electorates. They gave \$1,500 to Youth With A Mission, which is a great organisation of young people from all around the world that serves the community, so that is a great cause as well. They gave another \$1,500 to Picabeen to run a neighbourhood day, which unfortunately was postponed last week because of the rain. That is one of the things that has come out of the Queensland Plan to promote community in the local area. They also donated \$1,500 to Help Enterprises to purchase musical instruments to enhance the lifestyle and independence of people with disabilities in my area. I want to congratulate the Chamber of Commerce. They do a fantastic job. They promote business and they have created a great little community in that street. This is just one of the many things they do.

I also want to report that last week I went to Albany Creek's longest dinner to raise money for school chaplaincy in the area. This has become a tradition over the last few years where the chaplains of the local area come together and raise money. It is great now that we have chaplains in most of the state schools in my electorate, and we have a new one now at Everton Park State School.

Mr Elmes: A great school.

Mr MANDER: I take that interjection from the minister for Aboriginal affairs and Thursday—no, Aboriginal and Thursday Island Affairs. Is that it? It is close to it—and the minister assisting the Premier.

Mr Walker: You're 80 per cent right.

Mr MANDER: Oh, 80 per cent right. Sorry, I am losing my track. I will get back to the point. The chaplaincy work is fantastically received in the electorate and it is great to see that we have so much support for it. I remind members that there is a High Court challenge again that is being placed against chaplaincy. We have to make sure that we tell people how much we value chaplaincy and not let a small minority get their way in the High Court. Let us hope we get a great result there.