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100+ Club

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.33 am): Tomorrow I will host the 2016 Premier's 100+ Club luncheon here at Parliament House, an annual event that started in 2000. Tomorrow will see 45 centenarians travel from throughout South-East Queensland—Toowoomba, Julia Creek, Ipswich, Mackay and Caloundra—to celebrate this incredible milestone and to come together to share a lifetime of interesting stories. Australia has an ageing population, and putting in place effective policies, plans and frameworks to care for our ageing population is something I feel very strongly about. That is why I am proud to lead a government that continues to provide services for the elderly and funds senior initiatives.

Earlier this year my government delivered on an election commitment by awarding \$20 million to seven community based organisations that provide respite care for Queenslanders living with dementia. All levels of government need to effectively support the needs of our ageing population. I wish to publicly recognise and commend the hard work and dedication of the Queensland Community Care Network for doing such a great job in running the 100+ Club.

One of the things I am excited about tomorrow is to witness the 100+ Club attempting to beat the Guinness world record for the largest gathering of centenarians. I have it on good authority that the current world record is 31 and was achieved by Regency Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre in New Jersey, USA on 19 May 2013. I look forward to reporting back at our next sitting of parliament the result of the record attempt tomorrow. I am sure that everyone in the House today will join with me in congratulating what will be a milestone event tomorrow.