




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Lions Club of Wamuran

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (8.27 pm): Mr Speaker, you would think that, with 46,000 clubs around the world and some 1.4 million members and being the world's largest service club, chartering new clubs in the Lions Club would be a common occurrence, but it certainly is not. Therefore, it was a rare privilege indeed to be present on Saturday evening at the charter dinner for Queensland's newest Lions Club—the Lions Club of Wamuran.

I want to acknowledge the charter members of that Wamuran club: John Abraham, Sue Clement, Allan Cook, Brandon Fischer, Tanya Fitzpatrick, Adrian Green, Cheryl Hegemann, Daniel Hegemann, Peter Le Cerf, Troy Lyngstad, Julianne Mabb, Jason Newman, Reena Newman, Kristel Moir, Marlo O'Dea, Robert Pedler and Terry Ward. I want to particularly acknowledge the board of directors: tail twister, Lisa Gourley; membership chair, Madalyn Kimlin; director of publicity, Madilyn Ward; treasurer, Jayne Clark; secretary, Hayley King; vice-president, Jim Ley; and president, Howard Walters. As I reflected on the evening, when I first met Harold Walters some nine years ago, he was heavily involved in the Wamuran Sports Club. We colloquially referred to him as the 'Mayor of Wamuran'. He has obviously not settled for being 'Mayor of Wamuran'; he now wants to be president. That is fine. I think he will do a sterling job and will really represent his community and the Lions Club famously in that part of the world.

It was a very successful evening. There were a lot of dignitaries there. There was district governor Engelbert Krampf and his wife, Traudi, and Councillor Adrian Raedel from division 12 of Moreton Bay Regional Council. He played a very significant role in helping establish this club. There was the first vice district governor elect Donna Hedges, the past district governor Roley McAtee, the immediate past district governor Norm Jensen and past district governor Greg Rollason.

I also want to pay particular respect to the members of the Woodford Lions Club, which was the sponsoring club of Wamuran. To Mike Christie, Mark Feldman and the crew from Woodford I say: thank you so much for what you have done in identifying a real growth area around Wamuran and assisting this club and its members to reach charter. The exciting thing is that it will not be the only charter of a new club in the electorate of Glass House, with Mooloolah soon to become a club in its own right, with my own club, Maleny Blackall Range, being the sponsor. That will certainly be an exciting time.

I think it is poignant to reflect that Lions exists to promote the principles of good government and good citizenship and to foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world. May they long continue to do so.