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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Albert Electorate, Lions Clubs**

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Albert—LNP) (2.51 pm): Many times in this chamber I have spoken about the wonderful northern Gold Coast, a place I am proud to call home. Who would not be proud to live in our beautiful region, apart from the traffic congestion on the M1 motorway? There are some absolutely fantastic Lions Club groups in our area. I will start with the Ormeau Lions Club, of which I am a proud member. This club is famous for hosting the annual Ormeau Lions Fair, which is held over two days in July. The Ormeau Lions fair is the largest event on the northern Gold Coast and has been for over a decade. It was first held in 2004 under the leadership of Norm Jessen. Since that time it has had success after success. I thank Ormeau Lions Club president Pauline Weatherby and her team of dedicated volunteers for their service in organising the fair again this year. I should add: this same Lions Club cooks a weekly barbecue at the Ormeau IGA. Every Saturday morning they set up at six o'clock, ready for their first customers at seven—true dedication to service.

The newly formed Upper Coomera Lions Club is a satellite club of the Ormeau Lions Club. As is the case with their colleagues to the north, this is a wonderful, proactive club of individuals who have big ideas for our local community. Even if it means spending long hours working at the barbecue at Bunnings Oxenford, fundraising for many different projects, they are always the first people to put their hands up for those in need. Lions Club president Carey Dobson should be very proud of his team. I should also mention Lion Andrew Killick, who is especially passionate about road safety and reducing the road toll. He has started his own initiative which emphasises people taking extra care on the roads.

Lastly, Helensvale Lions Club is an organisation that was first chartered back in 1982. Since that time this club has been a shining example of a service club in our region, whether it is holding their monthly Helensvale car boot sale or the Anzac Day breakfast. I have to say that Stewart Proud and his army of master chefs make an amazing bacon and egg burger. I would be remiss if I did not mention the efforts of this club every year in hosting the highly successful Australian citizenship ceremony on Australia Day at the Helensvale Community Centre. Australia Day would not be complete without the good old Aussie favourite, the lamington. Those across the ditch may try to claim the lamington, but the members of the Lions Club of Helensvale believe that it is our lamington. They certainly tell the new citizens of this country the truth. I thank president Lyn Goodman and the team. The northern Gold Coast would certainly be lost without them.