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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Dalby PCYC

 **Mr WEIR** (Condamine—LNP) (2.33 pm): I recently attended the Dalby Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Business After Hours event, hosted by the Dalby PCYC. This facility is first class and a tribute to the dedication and hard work of the manager, staff, committee members and wider community. The Dalby PCYC was established in 1989 and has a current membership of over 2,000 people—the biggest in the state of Queensland. It works in conjunction with the Western Downs Regional Council, the Dalby township and the surrounding communities to offer affordable and easily accessible sporting and recreational activities that are targeted at all age groups and abilities.

The PCYC offers and delivers a range of social, welfare and cultural programs to provide young people with the opportunity to experience their community under the guidance of the police citizens youth framework. The Dalby branch currently offers a successful gymnastics program along with basketball, netball, dance, boxing, martial arts and fitness sporting programs. There are mixed, senior and junior teams from all sports offered, aimed at targeting physical fitness and social involvement within our community.

Volunteers play a large part in the success of the Dalby PCYC. Without these dedicated community members the programs offered would be unable to be delivered to the extent they are. Coaches, referees, canteen workers and supporters are all on hand to assist with ensuring that physical fitness and participation in the community are front and centre. It is wonderful to see a community work together to provide sporting and social opportunities that otherwise may not be available in rural and regional Queensland. The Dalby PCYC offers a childcare service, including before- and after-school care and vacation care, with a fully integrated program offered for the children participating in the service. This service is essential for our working families.

There is a fully equipped gymnasium that was upgraded in the last 12 months to include weights, cardio machines and fitness classes. With the emphasis on keeping fit to reduce health risks, like heart disease and stroke, having this facility is invaluable to the Dalby region.

None of these resources would be available without the support of the community and volunteers. It is a credit to the Dalby PCYC and the community that these facilities are up to date and utilised by so many people. I continue to be amazed at the strength and resilience of our rural and regional communities and the volunteers who assist in those programs.