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## ADJOURNMENT

### Carina Men's Shed

 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (7.06 pm): I rise to bring to the attention of the House a Chatsworth community group that is very close to my heart: the Men's Shed at Carina. I have spoken about this group several times since I was first elected. After a visit to the Men's Shed at Carina I always get a fresh perspective on what a tight-knit community group really should be all about. Having visited the group many times over the years since I was first elected, I have witnessed firsthand the importance of the men's shed communities not only in Carina but also across the state with other men's sheds I have been privileged to visit.

Mateship and purpose are two core fundamentals of the Australian way of life, and every time I visit this group I am reminded by the smiles on blokes' faces that those two reasons are why these men give their time each and every week to make all sorts of goods for the broader Chatsworth community. As a large portion of their members are no longer in the full-time workforce, the shed allows these men to continue to have something that gets them out of the house and around their mates. The Men's Shed at Carina is a one-stop shop for pretty much almost any hobby you could possibly think of. You name a hobby and the Men's Shed at Carina has it. With so much to do, the members never have a dull day in the shed.

As we all know, mental health in men is a challenge for our society to overcome, and I sincerely believe in community groups like the Men's Shed at Carina. They do a fantastic job in this space for their members and, more importantly, the wider community. The group not only looks after their own members but they also work closely with Sergeant Dave Beard of the Carindale PCYC to run a Youth Shed mentoring program. This program involves certain members of the shed who offer guidance to the community's youth and teach them valuable skills in woodwork, glasswork, leatherwork and effectively how to be decent blokes and contribute to a functioning society.

Recently I was pleased to visit the Carina Men's Shed to present the club as recipients of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund round 96. The funding from the grant will be used to install air conditioning in the shed, so the lads will not feel hot or sweaty during the upcoming summer months. Due to their endless goodwill in the community, the club is truly a deserving recipient of the funding. I hope that this will allow the group to continue their amazing projects throughout the hot summer.

I have to commend the efforts of the club's secretary, Mr Roger Appleby, in organising the grant application and my recent tour of the shed. I must also give credit to the president, Bob Ikin, and the rest of the executive team for their smooth organisation of multiple community programs. They are always informative. They give so much more to the overall community. I absolutely commend the Carina Men's Shed to the House.