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Quota International, Carindale

 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (2.00 pm): I rise this afternoon to honour an outstanding milestone for an organisation present not only in my electorate of Chatsworth but actually throughout the world. Recently, Quota International celebrated their 100th birthday—yes, 100 years of dedicated service to communities within our electorates and also around the world. What an incredible milestone it is to reach 100. It is amazing to think how far Quota have come since they were started in 1919 by five businesswomen in New York who had a vision—a vision that women needed a special place where a common purpose could grow, and grow they did. From being the first classified international women's service organisation, this not-for-profit group have been helping those in need within 250 local communities.

I am a little biased when I say that my favourite Quota International club was formed in 1987—this being in the wonderful suburb of Carindale. Thirty-two years on, the Quota club of Carindale are a dedicated group who are doing incredible things for our entire community. They are living up to this reputation year after year with their fundraising efforts for many worthwhile causes, including Mummy's Wish, CleftPALS Qld Inc., their Build-a-Bear initiative, Asperger Services Australia, care bears for the Queensland Ambulance Service and also supporting local schools with sponsored prizes for most improved students.

In raising these funds, they do so in style through the organisation and hosting of many incredible events. From trivia nights to sausage sizzle stalls at Bunnings, Quota Carindale do it all. In particular, the annual Brisbane Craft and Gift Fair, held in the great electorate of Chatsworth, is always a standout with many handmade goods showcased during the event. Additionally, they also raise funds for Queensland rural families and they have a trivia night coming up to raise funds for the Queensland Country Women's Association and the North Queensland Rural Family Support Services. I am sure this will be a valued contribution to the rural communities that are doing it tough right now as we all know.

To celebrate Quota's milestone, it was a pleasure to attend their 100th birthday event here at Parliament House a few weeks ago. As a proud sponsor, it was fantastic to see more than 200 Quotarians in attendance, with members travelling from as far as North Queensland. A very special mention must go to Leonie Weir, the event convener for Quota Carindale, who worked tirelessly with our parliamentary function staff for months to help make this massive event the success it was. I also want to make mention of region 13 director, Janette Taylor, who has put in many years of dedicated service to this important cause. Go, Quota International.