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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Chatsworth Electorate, Rotary Club Centenary**

 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (6.02 pm): I rise this evening to honour an outstanding milestone for an organisation present in not only Chatsworth but also throughout Australia and New Zealand. This year Rotary in Australia and New Zealand celebrates 100 years of dedicated service helping communities within our electorate and indeed the world. What an incredible milestone to reach. From small beginnings in 1921, four Rotary clubs were created in Melbourne, Auckland, Wellington and Sydney. Now 100 years on, Rotary has more than 1,000 clubs in Australia and New Zealand.

My local club, the Rotary Club of Carindale, held its 20th birthday changeover dinner only last year. I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all Rotarians in Chatsworth for what they have achieved over the last two decades. I want to thank Carindale Rotary for helping to start many traditions which continue to bring people in our Chatsworth community together. My favourite event of the year is the Brisbane Billycart Championships. It is one of our local traditions in Chatsworth. It is priceless watching everyone have a laugh at us pollies in bilycarts during the Political Mayhem Race. On top of this, Rotary is instrumental in hosting the Brisbane Kite Festival at Murarrie showgrounds and runs the Adopt-A-Road program to help clean up our area one road at a time.

If I can say one thing about Rotary Carindale it is that it is no stranger to a sausage sizzle. It has held many community barbecues over the years to support numerous local charities and events. I want to mention the extraordinary fundraising effort by Rotary Carindale recently as part of its Run, Walk or Wheel for Remembrance 2020 event. It raised \$15,000 for the Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation—an incredible effort for a local service club.

Carindale Rotary really understand the essence that it is the little things that count and are always willing to roll up their sleeves to help community groups with things that might require a bit of people power. Recently they had a working bee to help spruce up Lillian's Place, a community centre for women and children. They made sure the centre received a fresh lick of paint, did planting and assembled a new shed for them as well.

When I read the *Carindale Chronicle*, the Rotary Club of Carindale's monthly newsletter, I always notice the slogan: 'More than just a service club'. Aside from the amazing things Rotary Carindale have achieved, it is extraordinary to see the friendships that are formed through people coming together to create a common legacy. The best example of this is the outstanding work Rotary have done worldwide towards eliminating polio—a great job.

As we celebrate Rotary's 100th birthday, I want to acknowledge the Rotarians who have made an influential impact on our community in Chatsworth. In the chamber tonight, I would like to thank Secretary Kay Resnick, Treasurer Gerard Briody as well as Kell Cotter and Ken Howatson, longstanding members of the club. In his absence, a special note to the current President Ross Stewart. On behalf of all parliamentarians, I wish Rotary a happy 100th birthday.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Thank you, member. They even managed to twist my arm into the run for the Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation, so well done.