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Rotary Club of Archerfield; World Arts and Multi-Culture Inc.

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts) (7.09 pm): Last weekend Rotary celebrated 100 years in the state of Queensland, and I congratulate this hardworking organisation on such an incredible achievement. In my electorate of Algester, we have a dedicated and passionate group of individuals who form the Rotary Club of Archerfield. The work of this group is second to none. They are dedicated to building relationships, honouring diversity and enhancing our communities.

Earlier this year I attended a beautiful citizenship ceremony hosted by the Rotary Club of Archerfield. As we embraced people taking up citizenship, it was fitting that this organisation—which is so dedicated to the service of others—would extend that spirit to our newest community members. I am sure everyone in this House can agree that multiculturalism is one of our greatest strengths and something every Australian can take pride in, so it was wonderful to see the Rotary Club of Archerfield provide an outlet for cultural expression from the Imanzi cultural group as well as Indonesian dance performers at that citizenship event.

The work of the Rotary Club of Archerfield does not end there. I also recently attended a wonderful morning tea that was hosted in support of cancer patients, survivors and carers. There I met Juliana Sweeney, an amazing young Rotary member. Having come from Brazil on a Rotary exchange program as a young student, Juliana was welcomed by the Rotary Club of Archerfield's very own Terry and Camilla Barker. Juliana now lives with her family here in Queensland, writing children's books through her business BeeLingwee and translating them into various languages. Her passion for inclusivity is palpable and indeed a reflection of the welcoming nature of the Rotary Club as a whole.

Whether it is community events or just a cuppa with friends, the Rotary Club of Archerfield has proven to be a supportive, humanitarian focused organisation that is committed to supporting others. I thank them for all that they are doing in the Algester electorate, and I look forward to the next 100 years of Rotary in Queensland.

Whilst I am on my feet, I want to acknowledge another organisation that does an amazing amount of work and is celebrating 20 years this year—that is, WAMCI, the World Arts and Multi-Culture Inc. For the last 20 years, they have been encouraging multiculturalism and artistic expression through the sharing of art, music and dance. Recently, a number of us, including the member for Toohey, attended their Harmony Day celebrations which was an incredible success, as it is every year. I want to acknowledge Melody Chen, who is the founding president and honorary life president of WAMCI. She is a good friend of many of us in this House and continues to be a huge advocate for WAMCI and for multiculturalism across our community. I also want to acknowledge the current president, Ms Peggy Wu, who oversaw a fantastic event just recently.