



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Carina Leagues Club

 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (9.45 pm): As patron of the Carina Leagues Club, I would like to congratulate the chief executive officer Wade Core, the general manager Adam Wiencke, the board of directors, management and staff for being named Club of the Year at the 2024 Clubs Queensland Awards for Excellence. With so many great sporting clubs in Queensland, it truly is a remarkable achievement by the Carina Leagues Club.

By way of background, like many other clubs in Queensland, the Carina Leagues Club commenced from very humble beginnings. This innovative club has been able to build strong patronage and community support, donating in excess of \$25 million to local sporting clubs over the last 25 years. Known as the first club in Queensland to be granted trading hours from 10 am to 11 pm, it continues to be truly progressive and certainly has not been one to rest on its laurels. With its state-of-the-art facilities throughout the outstanding food and beverage venues, entertainment and gaming, it is always filled with plenty of atmosphere. The club plays an invaluable role in support of our local community—whether it be contributions to the rebuild of the Carina Leagues junior football clubhouse or the Camp Hill Carina Welfare Association to build a gymnasium or donations to various schools and sporting organisations.

The Carina Leagues Club states that their staff are their biggest asset. It aims to create an inclusive and positive environment for all the team. Programs include the in-house training, professional development, holistic offerings and awards nights that ensure that the team members feel valued and appreciated. One such strategy that they have implemented is the 'walk of fame'—a 10-metre wall displaying framed photos of staff with their names and favourite pastimes. This has been so successful that it has now been adopted by many other clubs across Queensland. The club is continually developing ambitious concepts for the future, and a \$15 million expansion plan will ensure that the club's journey continues and they can provide a must visit destination for families and patrons for years to come.

As stated previously, this club is at the heart of the Chatsworth community and provides outstanding facilities for members and guests while supporting sporting and community partners. From footy games at the Carina Leagues Club as a young boy, to Friday night dinners at the restaurant to watching State of Origin matches on the big screen, I have many special memories and am very proud to be the club patron and state member.

While I am on my feet, I refer to the Speaker's statement on 16 April concerning correspondence from the Leader of the House. This was the first time this matter had been drawn to my attention. In response to his request, I correct the record and advise that I should have ensured the post referred to the fact that 18 of the 19 ministers did not make ministerial statements on the day in question. I will remove the social media post.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): I note that that great club also supports many sporting organisations in my electorate, and we are very appreciative of that.