



Speech By  
**Steve Minnikin**


**MEMBER FOR CHATSWORTH**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Carina Leagues Club, Core, Mr W; Clem Jones Centre, Heald, Mr S**

 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (9.46 pm): On 1 August I attended the opening of a vibrant new function centre located within the Carina Leagues Club right in the heart of the Chatsworth electorate. This modern facility is the vanguard of a \$15 million investment for the club with renovations that will take it to a new level as a premier entertainment destination for the local community. This continuous focus on delivering first-class facilities has only been made possible by the spirit and determination of many of the club's members, particularly the board members. The club's president, Mr Wade Core, typifies this progressive approach. Wade has dedicated his time and boundless energy to the Carina Leagues Club for well over 30 years. It is fair to say that without Wade's passion and leadership the Carina Leagues Club would not be the vibrant hub it is today. First and foremost, Wade has ensured it is a community club—one that not only supports members but also assists many organisations that are involved in fostering youth welfare. Providing facilities and events for young people has had a positive impact on a generation of children. It is difficult to estimate just how many young people have benefited from this support, but there is no doubt they are better placed through the experience. In view of the outstanding contribution Wade has made to the Carina Leagues Club, it is only fitting that the new function centre be named in his honour: the Wade Core Function Centre.

On 2 August I saw the end of an era at the Clem Jones Centre as the CEO, Mr Steve Heald, decided to call it quits after 16 years at the helm. In 2008 Steve was approached to assist with running the club until a more permanent appointment could be made. They did not end up making the new appointment until 2024. Along with his financial expertise, Steve brought to the club a vision to turn the club into the powerhouse precinct it is today. During Steve Heald's tenure there have been significant improvements and expansions made to the club, including the renovation of the 25-metre pool, slide pool and children's wading pool. Steve also welcomed the Eastern Suburbs Hockey Club, the Clem Jones Centre Boxing Club, the Terry Mackenroth Community Gymnasium and the wonderful community group the Carina Men's Shed. Steve and the board had a vision to create an industry-leading allied health precinct where fostering health, wellness and social connection was done through collaboration with practitioners, local sporting clubs and local community groups. The Clem Jones Centre Wellness Precinct, which has been operational for several months now, allows all patrons to engage in a wide variety of activities designed to promote physical fitness, mental wellbeing and community spirit. The Clem Jones Centre Wellness Precinct is a fitting legacy of Steve Heald's vision and drive. On behalf of the broader Chatsworth community, I wish Steve all the very best for his retirement and I thank him for the tremendous role he played in making the Clem Jones Centre the destination it is today.