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 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Theodore—LNP) (6.23 pm): I rise to speak about possibly the newest Lions Club in Queensland if not Australia: the Upper Coomera Lions Club. The Upper Coomera Lions Club had its first meeting on 27 September 2016. The first members were inducted on 17 October that year. It started out as a satellite club of the Ormeau Lions Club, a very well liked and very strong club in the Ormeau region.

The club operates under the leadership of Carey Dobson, who is certainly one of the most passionate individuals when it comes to the community. He has a great affinity for helping other individuals. I have to give him his due: he would never turn down a job.

The members of the Upper Coomera Lions Club are the first people to volunteer to community groups—supporting the local market day, helping out at the Ormeau fair, helping on Bunnings barbecues doing some necessary fundraising, or being involved in environmental programs. They are very passionate about tree planting. They have also helped local kids by fundraising for wheelchairs and other special equipment. The Lions club is also very passionate about the drought relief appeal. It has been donating large sums of money from Bunnings barbecues and other fundraising initiatives to the Lions drought appeal.

I give a big shout-out to president Carey Dobson; secretary Andrew Stimson; treasurer Rick Hutton; first vice-president Scott Tegan; tail twister Glenn Davis, who is certainly a character of an individual; and lion tamer Glenda Hart. I also mention David Chan, Andrew Killick, Tanya, Jo, Adrian, Nick and Laura. As I said, theirs is a wonderful, very proactive club.

I will end with some sad news. We lost a very good Lion recently in Barrie Smith. Barrie was in the Lions club for many decades. After his recent passing I had the great honour to speak at his memorial service. Barrie will be greatly missed. Barrie was a member of the Daisy Hill Rochedale Lions for many years. He is the one who got me into Lions all that time ago. Barrie, you will be sadly missed in our community. You will be sadly missed in the Logan region. Godspeed and a nice life on the other side.