

DUNCRAIG LIONS CLUB

Statement by Member for Carine

MR A. KRSTICEVIC (Carine) [12.53 pm]: The Lions Club is an amazing community group, whose motto of “We Serve” really says it all. I am privileged today to talk about the Lions Club of Duncraig, which is based in my electorate.

The Lions Club of Duncraig was chartered in 1974 and began with 24 members. The first president’s name is one that any resident of the northern suburbs would recognise—Mr Ern Halliday. Ern was, at that time, director of the then Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and was honoured by the department for his many contributions to the community when it named the Ern Halliday Recreation Camp in Hillarys after him.

Over the years, and now with a membership of 45, the Lions Club of Duncraig has served the local community well. It has provided equipment to help people with disabilities with their day-to-day lives and assisted students at local schools by promoting literacy, providing end of year book awards for worthwhile students and tertiary scholarships to two worthy students. Its unsung work also includes assisting the elderly, fundraising, doing garden tidies and building wheelchair ramps for the aged and infirm. It supports many other worthwhile causes.

In my first year as member for Carine, I was invited to the club’s Australia Day breakfast in the park, which it has hosted for the past three years, and I certainly plan to support the club for many years into the future. I acknowledge all the members of the Lions Club of Duncraig, particularly the current president, Rob Wright, and the secretary, Toni Whiteaker, who work so hard for this fine organisation.