



Adjournment Speech

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Tewantin-Noosa RSL Club

Mr ELMES (Noosa--LNP) (9.57 pm): Tonight I rise to deliver a 'well done' to the Tewantin-Noosa RSL Club and the board of management that administers the club.

In the 2008-09 financial year, the Tewantin-Noosa RSL Club contributed over \$307,000 of audited cash and in-kind directly back into the community--an amount well above the compulsory community benefit tax collected and distributed by the state government. There are 8,930 financial members who visit and are entertained by the club through functions, gaming, and food and beverage services.

It has been part of my community since 1920 and has operated as a licensed club since 1981. Over 600 returned services personnel live in the area and in excess of \$140,000 was given to help them either directly or by way of a variety of other services, including courtesy buses, workshops and, of course, funding for commemorative RSL events such as Remembrance Day tomorrow.

Local sporting groups including rugby league, AFL, soccer, touch football, cricket, softball, basketball and water polo are also beneficiaries of support from the Tewantin-Noosa RSL club to the tune of almost \$66,000 over the last financial year.

What I really appreciate and commend are the efforts of the community support committee and their endeavours to support individuals in our community. They have helped out with requests for specialist medical equipment for individuals and groups which have included a special walker for a five-year-old cerebral palsy sufferer and the installation of air conditioners for a six-year-old sufferer of West Syndrome to help prevent seizures he experiences during hot temperatures.

Some \$7,800 was donated to help individuals and a further \$37,500 has been spent on members of our community who require medical equipment or other assistance to improve their quality of life. A further \$50,000 was donated via the Salvation Army to help out with the Victorian bushfires and the floods in northern Queensland.

The Tewantin-Noosa RSL club can justifiably claim to be the hub of our community. It is well run, it is proactive and I, like thousands in our community, am very proud to be a member of it. To those who gather at cenotaphs in Tewantin-Noosa and across the state tomorrow, I say from the bottom of my heart thank you.
