Extract from Hansard

Wednesday, 5th February 2025

LOCAL HISTORY GROUPS HONOURED

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (15:45): As a lover of history both from local to world, I tend to gravitate to local historical and heritage societies and groups across the community in addition to the ones that are in my own community. I have recently been in contact with the Dublin History Group and I met Andrea and Pat there. I have been in touch with the Clare Regional History Group and I met Gerald Lally there who is not only involved in history but is an author in his own right. I also met Wendy and David Spackman from the Mt Horrocks Historical Society. I look forward to meeting quite a few others.

The importance of these historical and heritage groups is that they actually record, preserve, publish, educate and inform our communities about our social and cultural history. I think that sometimes we do not actually appreciate and value the work they do perform. They spend endless hours collecting information, collecting books, sometimes publishing works, collecting artefacts, etc., which they then very carefully record, store and preserve. Importantly, they then go on to educate our communities about that history.

I think it is important because if we do not have groups like this we start to lose our connection to our history. The social and cultural history of any community, no matter where it is, in our state or across the world, is very important. It is from this history that we fully understand where our community is at today.

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