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#### **COOLUM COMMUNITY**

**Ms MOLLOY** (Noosa—ALP) (7.06 p.m.): Coolum, like many coastal towns, has little in the way of entertainment for its youth. The Coolum District Musicians and Supporters Association has banded together and for over 12 months now has been holding live music sessions in the Coolum-Peregian RSL free of charge. They are attracting up to 100 young people to the venue on a Sunday afternoon. This mentoring process, whereby the more mature musos come together with the younger artists, flags a new era for the future of our young and the broader community. This group has a vision, fostered by the open-heartedness of the RSL. Perhaps this is a new era for the RSL in our community as a leader and supporter of our youth. I will be following the steps of this great community initiative and intend keeping the House updated on its progress.

On another tack, while I value and have great pride in telling the House about the positive achievements in Coolum and my electorate at large, I would not be doing my job as the people's representative for Noosa if I did not also highlight the issues in my electorate that need attention. It is what the people of Noosa demand and it is my duty as their representative to do so. While applauding the positive developments for our youth in Coolum, there still exists a major problem for the whole Coolum community. It is a problem that will not go away and it needs to be addressed now.

Coolum needs to be a safe community—a community wherein people's wellbeing is paramount. Coolum should not be seen or perceived as a community under threat—a community without adequate police protection. Coolum, a major holiday destination for many families, needs more police. Coolum badly needs a 24-hour police presence and an increase in numbers. In short, more police and now is what my community demands and, as their representative, that is what I also demand.

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