




Speech by

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 **Mr BENNETT** (Burnett—LNP) (3.58 pm): I rise to share with the House the work of Associate Professor Dr Brad Murphy. Dr Murphy is a proud Indigenous man in our electorate. He is one of the stolen generation and we are very proud to have him. Dr Murphy stands as a testament to the success of a medical school focused on producing general practitioners with an interest in rural and remote and Indigenous interests. He spent much of his training in his postgraduate years in rural and remote placings in Theodore and Eidsvold and we are happy to now announce that he is the chair and the trustee of the Jimmy Little Foundation.

Dr Murphy ascribes his success and influence to many mentors. In fact, it is his connection with mentoring that sees him in the process of establishing a new general practice development in the Bundaberg area called Ashfield Country Practice. It will be the first privately owned and operated Aboriginal GP surgery in the world. Situated on an acre of land nine kilometres from the heart of Bundaberg, it plans to be the mainstream general practice for Indigenous and diabetes health in the Bundaberg region.