




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENTS

Newman Government, Achievements

 **Mr MOLHOEK** (Southport—LNP) (2.49 pm): As we approach the 12-month mark of the Newman government, it is my pleasure to reflect on a few of the achievements and results delivered in the Southport electorate. I have had an absolute ball. I love getting out on weekends and meeting with constituents at listening posts and in coffee shops around the electorate where I set up mobile offices. It has been an incredible pleasure and privilege to work with many of the community groups and provide letters of support and help them raise the necessary funds to get on with their work.

What a great pleasure it was this week to hear the announcement by the Minister for Sport of the Get Going grants. I am so pleased that the Southport Junior Australian Football Club, the Gold Coast Rugby Union Football Club, the Musgrave Sports Club, the Gold Coast Victory Athletics Club at Griffith University, the Mike Hatcher Junior Motorcycle Club and the Super Performance Centre have all been recipients of these new grants. I know from speaking with them this week that all of them have been absolutely delighted.

Last week I held a principals forum with the education minister, the Hon. John-Paul Langbroek, at Southport State High School. There were some great contributions from local principals. It is incredible to see the fantastic job that Principal Steve McLuckie is doing at Southport State High School. Other good news in Southport is that with community support we have re-established the community consultative committee for law and order. We meet regularly with local police. The police are delighted because over the last 12 months we have seen a 27 per cent increase in the number of police assigned to the Southport Police Station. We as a government are delivering on our promise of more police and front-line services.

One of the sadder moments but also one of the special moments of last year was at Musgrave Hill State School last December when my wife and I stood with our four sons and sung for the last time the school song. After some 17 years the last of our four sons graduated from that fantastic school. It was a great pleasure last night to have my young leaders group here—25 young go-getters from the electorate all committed to a mentoring program and all of whom participated in helping raise much-needed funds for the Red Cross appeal, nearly \$15,000 from a minigolf night.

This year the Southport Forum was established. We have had great speakers come and visit us including Nigel Chamier; the Treasurer, the Hon. Tim Nicholls; the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games; and Chris Davis, the Assistant Minister for Health. There is just so much going on in the electorate.

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