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ADJOURNMENT

Burpengary Police Station

 **Mr RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (10.21 pm): About five years ago I, along with the then police minister and former state member for Nudgee, Neil Roberts, officially opened the new Burpengary Police Station. In fact, the current state member for Nudgee was also at that official opening in her capacity as the adviser to the then police minister. How time rolls on!

Since that official opening five years ago by a Labor government, the Burpengary and Narangba communities have enjoyed great partnerships with the officers of the Burpengary Police Station. In fact, local people from these communities often comment to me about the outstanding service they receive from the Queensland Police Service. One particular example of this outstanding service occurred only a few weeks ago.

On 23 April 2015 a local resident's house was broken into by some then unidentified people. On discovering the aftermath of the break-in, the owner of the house and his son took some remedial action to secure the house and boarded up the broken window which was used to gain entry to the house. The next day the owner of the house was sitting on the toilet, minding his own business—doing his business, so to speak—when he heard voices coming from outside the house. He heard one of the then unidentified males say, 'They've fixed it,' and then, 'Let's try another window.' Surprisingly, the owner of the house found time to finish his business and flush the toilet before scaring off the then unidentified males.

The owner of the house then placed a call directly to the Police Service's communications centre. Within three minutes, and while he was still on the phone, a police car arrived at the house. One minute later a second police car arrived at the house, and two minutes later officers from a third police car arrested the two males about 500 metres away. The owner of the house was very appreciative of the prompt and polite service from the officers of Burpengary Police Station. In particular, the owner of the house would like to place on record his thanks to Senior Constable Slater for his outstanding assistance in this matter, especially at a time when this gentleman was at his most exposed.

The hardworking efforts of our local police were recently recognised at the annual Moreton District Honours and Awards Ceremony held at Morayfield. A particularly special award is the award of police division of the year. Given the example I referred to earlier, it is probably no surprise to honourable members that this year the Burpengary police division was the recipient of this award. On behalf of our community, congratulations to Senior Sergeant Ashley Stanke and his great team of officers and staff at the Burpengary Police Station. Keep up the good work.