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Mr MOLHOEK (Southport—LNP) (9.41 pm): I rise to speak on a number of events which have taken place in my electorate over the past few months. Firstly, I seek the leave of the House to table a copy of the sensational Southport book published and distributed by local advertising agency Headline Creative.

Tabled paper: Document, undated, titled 'Sensational Southport—CBD Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia' [1375].

For the second time Headline Creative have released a book, a Southport-specific marketing piece, to promote the area both interstate and internationally. This is a follow-on to *Southport Towards Twenty 18* and again it has been a great success. For this edition there will also be a Mandarin version to assist in further educating the international community and to complement the growing Chinatown within Southport. The *Sensational Southport* book again has been printed and distributed at no cost to the taxpayer, and not one cent of the proceeds goes to me or the LNP. It is a commercial project run by a local advertising agency.

We had a very successful launch for the book at Parkwood International Golf Course. We raised \$2,000 for the raffle, which will go in support of Family Services Group in Southport. Last month I was also pleased to be able to host my second lunch to raise money for the Gold Coast Centre Against Sexual Violence. It is an incredible organisation. I have spoken a number of times about them in this House. Director Di Macleod has always gone above and beyond to ensure the centre has been an amazing support for women in our community. I was honoured to have been able to assist in celebrating the centre's 25 years of service. The day raised more than \$17,000 for the Gold Coast Centre Against Sexual Violence, celebrating the great achievements of the centre over the 25 years and acknowledging the hard work put in by the entire team and all the supporting volunteers. Here is hoping they have another great 25 years.

I would also like to thank Luke Altschwager from Parkwood International Golf Course for his ongoing support for the many events run in our electorate. Without him generously donating the venue and his time and the services of his staff, we would not be able to run such successful events for our local charities and community groups. Given how important awareness of domestic violence is in our community, I was heartened by the success of last week's community leader round table for the domestic and family violence prevention strategy on the Gold Coast in gathering a vast array of ideas and contributions from over 40 delegates at that round table. I was glad to be part of this important discussion and have the opportunity to meet with other community leaders to build strong working relationships and work on solutions to reduce domestic violence as much as possible.

Finally, I would like to mention the White Balloon Day lunch that we hosted at Avial Indian restaurant in Southport. I want to acknowledge the great work of many in the local business community to support that occasion when, on the day, we raised over \$6,000 in support of White Balloon Day and their ongoing work educating kids with the Ditto program in many of our schools across the state. I would like to thank all the businesses and guests who attended and supported these various events.