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Gold Coast Seniors Health and Lifestyle Expo; Compass Housing; Christmas Kids in Care Christmas Lunch

 **Mr MOLHOEK** (Southport—LNP) (10.04 pm): On 19 November I had the pleasure of participating in the Gold Coast Seniors Health and Lifestyle Expo at the Southport Community Centre. It was fantastic to see so many people in attendance. This year we had a record number, which shows just how valuable these events have become. The attendees were able to engage with a range of service providers from seniors travel, hearing and eyesight tests, finance providers, Centrelink, aged care facilities and in-home care providers all in one place.

I would especially like to thank Warren Elwell for his great work in bringing all these people together for the seniors of the Gold Coast. Warren and I have worked together previously in the media. Warren has spent some 30 years in the media before he decided to use his skills and knowledge to bring this expo to life, first back in 2008. He has now been doing it for the best part of eight years.

Also on 5 November I had the pleasure of attending the Compass Housing Services' celebration of 30 years of excellence held in Customs House here in Brisbane. I would like to table their book as a historical record.

Tabled paper. Book titled *Navigating Change, A History of Compass Housing, 30 Years, 1985-2015* [1783].

The book is entitled *Navigating Change: A History of Compass Housing from 1985 to 2015* by Tony Gilmour. This book is an excellent reference document, very well researched and provides a historical perspective of how Compass has grown and adapted over the last 30 years. Compass has met with many challenges and has had many victories and successes. To quote the book, the current position of Compass has been built upon the efforts of many significant people who are recognised throughout the book. The path to success has not always been easy, but with the commitment of all involved over those 30 years, we see a very successful Compass of today. I would like to commend the chair, Paul Johnson, in particular for his efforts. I can only hope that Compass Housing continues to receive great support from the government in their efforts to assist the community of Logan. I am particularly passionate to see Compass and other community housing providers like them thrive. It is one of the reasons I became so passionate about the Logan and Gold Coast housing renewal initiatives. I sincerely hope they will be progressed as soon as possible.

Finally, I want to mention that it is only a matter of weeks until my fourth annual Christmas Kids in Care Christmas lunch at the Parkwood International Golf Course. We have run the event every year in support of local charities but with a particular focus on FSG, the Family Services Group, one of the great disability service providers on the Gold Coast but, more importantly, to raise money for gifts for kids in foster care. This year and every year we have had a great response. I am expecting that in the coming weeks we will see a lot of money raised for disadvantaged kids on the Gold Coast.