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## ADJOURNMENT

### Buderim Foundation

 **Mr MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (2.06 am): I rise tonight to speak about the great work of the Buderim Foundation and about their boldest move yet—the 2018 Community Challenge. The Buderim Foundation is a philanthropic organisation established in 2004 which operates on the premise that what goes around comes around. The foundation receives donations and bequests which it carefully invests to generate more income and then distributes this money in the form of grants to the volunteer organisations that serve our community.

Since 2008 the foundation has awarded grants of more than \$380,000 to community organisations and has helped young families cover the cost of education with \$144,000 worth of back-to-school vouchers. Incredibly, the foundation believes it can do even more to help the community prosper and has set what seems to be an insurmountable target of building the fund from \$1.4 million to \$2 million in just one year. How will it do it? It will do it through a variety of interesting events such as art auctions and cocktail functions but mostly through the generosity and creativity of community and business groups, families and individuals who donate to or get involved in promoting the work of the foundation.

The act of fundraising unites neighbourhoods, and the foundation encourages neighbours to come together and hold joint garage sales or a street party as a means to donate. No donation is too big or too small and every donation will translate into a grant that is given back to the Buderim community. Most of those who donate are not motivated by recognition. However, the foundation has partnered with the *Buderim Chronicle* to keep the community up to date and to profile the stories of willing participants. For families who have lost a loved one who had a connection to Buderim, the Gifts in Memory program can be a beautiful way to keep their memory alive and for others to share in their legacy.

It would be remiss of me not to recognise the significant contribution made by sponsorship received from the Buderim Pharmacy, Edenlea on Buderim and Sunshine Toyota that together cover the foundation's administration costs. This means that 100 per cent of all donations received by the foundation are invested into perpetuity and never spent.

I commend the Buderim Foundation chair, Dr Russell Stitz, his fellow board members and all of the Buderim locals who give so freely of their time to serve our community. My wife, Anna, and I, like many Buderim residents, are ambassadors for the Buderim Foundation, the fundamental principle of which is to give where you live. I will be contributing to the Buderim Foundation community challenge and I encourage those residents who want to give back to their local community to also do so.