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ADJOURNMENT

Coolum Beach Surf Club

 **Mr PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (6.18 pm): I rise to acknowledge all the volunteers, office bearers, staff and athletes at the Coolum Beach Surf Club. The summer patrol period is coming to an end for another year. The good, hardworking members of this club have volunteered their time to keep both locals and visitors safe on the beach and in the surf this summer. I particularly highlight all those club members who made the long trek over to Perth for the recent Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. They represented our club with pride and brought home a swag of medals, led by the boardriding team who won four gold, one silver and one bronze medal. A special congratulations goes to Bruce Dunne Sr, who retained his national longboard title for the fourth consecutive year. Bruce is a passionate member of the Coolum Beach Surf Club and will duly be awarded his life membership of the club later this month.

Congratulations also go to Finn Walsh, who took out the male 14 years shortboard title, and Jodie Waring, who assisted the club's overall points tally by winning both the short and longboard events. Team coach and local identity Paddy Lynch narrowly missed out on gold but secured a silver medal in the masters longboard final. Toby Andrews added to the medal haul with a bronze in the 14 years shortboard final and just off the dais with fourth placings were Will Dunne, Cooper Waring and Liana Walsh.

Congratulations go to the masters beach relay team of Kate Tomba, Emma Rahui, Jodie Waring and Heidi Dunne for their silver and to Kate for her oh-so-close silver medal in the beach flags. Jodie Waring also secured a well-deserved bronze in her two-kilometre run. The surf boat teams went from two down to three due to an untimely injury to Gary Barben in the lead-up to the titles and, even though the legendary old boys crew could no longer compete without Gary, John Ellingson, Ron Trembath and Bill Sharry still made the huge trek across the country by road to deliver the surf boats and all the other watercraft and ensure they all arrived safely. Surf boat sweep Patrick McGuire said all the boat crews loved competing in their first Aussie titles and are already looking forward to the Aussie titles when they return to Queensland next year. I hope they all get a well-deserved break over winter and we look forward to their return to our local beaches next summer.