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 **Mr MOLHOEK** (Southport—LNP) (6.24 pm): I rise tonight to talk about a few of the great things that have been happening in the sensational electorate of Southport over the last few weeks. I had the pleasure last weekend of being the official starter for the Kokoda Beach Classic. I want to honour the Broadwater Southport Rotary Club. They have been running the event for a number of years. It had very small beginnings. It was good to see several hundred people on the beach last Sunday morning for the start of the race, with Rod West, the official commentator and starter on the day, giving a rundown on the purpose of the Kokoda Beach Classic. It is, indeed, a very worthy cause. It is there to support veterans' families on the Gold Coast. The Rotary Club has done a lot of work in helping to maintain the Kokoda Memorial at Cascade Gardens.

I want to thank Ken Vernon for his sterling efforts in helping to organise the event. My good friend James Kennett was there running the communications and making sure that everything was running as it should. It was great to see students from TSS, The Southport School, there as well from the cadet unit. I special especially want to mention Solomon Kasokason, Jakeb Marian and Sean McCarthy.

It was also my pleasure only a week earlier to attend the St John's Crisis Centre annual fundraising lunch. I want to honour especially the Reverend Jon Brook and Judy Bennett from St John's. They run an incredible support service on the Gold Coast for many people who are struggling. They also provide crisis accommodation and meals to many homeless people. It was my great pleasure to be their guest speaker on this occasion at the magnificent Edgewater restaurant, which is in John-Paul Langbroek's electorate but nonetheless just on the fringe of Southport. It was great to talk to people about some of the things that we can be doing to help people wrestling with homelessness. It was great for them to share some of the visions that they have for building even more support accommodation on the Gold Coast and their grand dream of one day even having a high-rise tower of their own to accommodate a range of people in need.

Southport is undoubtedly one of the best places on the planet to live. It is my great honour to be the member for Southport. We have enjoyed an incredible year with the Commonwealth Games and with so much activity in the area. Southport certainly benefited from the swimming, and the CBD area and Chinatown have benefited enormously from the amount of increased traffic through the area.