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CQ Young Filmmakers Competition

 **Mr O'ROURKE** (Rockhampton—ALP) (7.10 pm): I had the pleasure of supporting a young filmmakers competition, which aims to influence teenagers and the broader school community in a positive and creative way to quit or never start smoking. The young filmmakers competition is an initiative of CQ Health's 10,000 Lives stopping smoking project. CQ Health partnered with Rockhampton Rotary Club and with community stakeholders who provided \$3,500 worth of prizes.

Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in Australia. I had the pleasure of meeting up with the team from Rockhampton Headspace. As quoted in the Rockhampton *Morning Bulletin*, one of the lead actors in the film said his love of Headspace and the important message behind the film inspired him to be part of the team. He said—

I love what Headspace does for everyone around the community and I just wanted to help out as much as I could and put my footprint on the earth. We have a lot of smokers here in Rockhampton. We want to cut down the smoking, we want to cut down the smoke in the atmosphere, we want to cut down the sickness and we definitely want to cut down the cigarettes littered in Rockhampton.

The team was thrilled when they found out they had placed second in the competition. What a great team they are at Headspace Rockhampton. They decided to put their \$500 prize towards a table tennis set to be used by everyone who attends Headspace, a youth mental health organisation.

I congratulate the team at CQ Health for their 10,000 Lives initiative, which aims to save 10,000 lives from smoking related deaths by 2030. This competition really focused on our younger community members and helped them spread the word on this important health topic. Being a Rotarian myself, I know that Rotary has been helping young people for a very long time, and I would like to acknowledge Wal Taylor OAM from the Rockhampton Rotary Club for all his hard work in promoting this very important issue. I would also like to acknowledge Brittany Lauga, the member for Keppel, for her contribution and other donators, JB HiFi, Rebel, Kmart, Frenchville Sports Club and Birch Carroll and Coyle cinemas. Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service has involved the community, non-government organisations and businesses in a range of health improvement campaigns as part of its Destination2020 strategy.