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 **Mr MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (6.12 pm): Last Saturday my community came together for a family-friendly afternoon of sausage sizzles and scones to celebrate the announcement of the recipients of the Buderim Foundation grants for this year. The Buderim Foundation is a unique expression of community spirit. The foundation receives donations and bequests from those involved with the Buderim community and invests those funds to generate income. That income is then distributed each year in the form of grants to Buderim based community organisations. Importantly, all funds that are donated are preserved for future generations, with only the earnings distributed and all administration costs covered by the sponsors of the Buderim Foundation in the Buderim Pharmacy, Edenlea on Buderim and Sunshine Toyota. The foundation truly is a whole-of-community endeavour.

Since 2004, the Buderim Foundation has awarded more than \$500,000 to various community organisations and volunteers who support the communities within the 4556 postcode. This year the foundation awarded more than \$82,000 in grants to 19 different community organisations. This year's recipients included LifeFlight, the Maroochydore SES, QF6 Mooloolaba Volunteer Coast Guard, the Buderim Craft Cottage, Wishlist, the Buderim Community Kindergarten and Buderim Girl Guides, just to name a few. Like many Buderim locals, my wife, Anna, and I are proud to support the Buderim Foundation as ambassadors and I encourage anyone who would like to support the work of the foundation to add their name to the cause. The foundation exists only because of the many volunteers who sacrifice their time. While time does not permit me to mention all of the volunteers, I want to make special mention of the work of Sally Caddy. Sally was recently awarded the Buderim Foundation Les Day Award, which was given in recognition of her exceptional contribution as an administration officer for the foundation since 2011.

Another great example of the strength of my community was a special evening of STEM held at the Buderim Mountain State School in conjunction with National Science Week. The event was an opportunity for students, families and interested locals to learn more about the amazing opportunities that exist in STEM at my local school. Attendees were able to participate in science experiments, student designed Kodu game lab games, space themed arts and activities, stargazing and student constructed battle robot fights. The school community also heard from astrophysicist/cosmologist Dr Brad Tucker. Last year as part of the parliamentary space inquiry I was lucky enough to meet Brad at Mount Stromlo and his address, which melded the opportunities and challenges of the final frontier in space, captivated young and old alike. My four-year-old daughter, Lara, was particularly interested in the effects of space travel on the human body and she had lots of questions that I had to research on the internet afterwards. I want to congratulate the P&C volunteers, Mr Craig Johnson, who was responsible for organising the night, and all of the teachers who made the night such a success.