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## ADJOURNMENT

### Ninderry Electorate, Volunteers; Coolum Surf Lifesaving Club

 **Mr PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (11.08 pm): Winston Churchill once said that you make a living by what you get but you make a life by what you give. In my electorate there are a lot of people who give more than they get. In May we celebrated Volunteer Week. I want to give a shout-out to a number of great volunteer organisations in my electorate of Ninderry.

The first one I want to talk about tonight is Coolum and North Shore Coast Care, a not-for-profit organisation started about 30 years ago. The group's president, Leigh Warneminde, is now leading the charge and coordinating over 200 volunteers. For World Environment Day I rolled up my sleeves and participated with a handful of volunteers that every week Coolum and North Short Coast Care coordinates to dig up weeds on the dunes at the beach at Coolum. Not only do they weed the dunes at Coolum, which I can say is harder work than I thought it would be; they also look after turtle nests and pandanus trees, which are dying back in the area, and they organise educational activities for kids. I enjoyed taking my girls along to see some of the turtle nest digs during the season.

I also want to bring to the attention of the House a great little community organisation in Coolum that was started by Clive and Barb Holden that provides art classes for the physically and mentally disabled in the community. It was originally started in their house but they have now moved to some slightly bigger premises in a shed at Coolum. Last week I was lucky enough to go to a drumming session, which is included in a number of the classes they provide. Every Friday about 60 disadvantaged people from our community go along to play the drums. I was happy to take along a novelty cheque and announce that they had just received a \$7,000 grant through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund which will go a long way in that small community group. They work hard to fundraise. As all members in this House know, our community groups work hard not only to get grants but also to fundraise. Only a week or so ago I took my girls to a lawn bowls day at Coolum Beach Bowls Club to raise money. Our community groups are constantly fundraising. They provide a great service.

I also give a big shout-out to the Coolum Surf Club. Since we were last here the Coolum Surf Club celebrated its 100-year anniversary.

**Ms Grace:** It is a great club.

**Mr PURDIE:** It is a great club. I acknowledge that interjection from the minister. It is one of the oldest surf clubs. Their first patrol was back in 1919. They have over 200 members and they provide a great service to our community.