



Speech By Rob Molhoek

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Mr MOLHOEK (Southport—LNP) (6.24 pm): I rise to talk about some good and fun things that have been happening in the electorate of Southport over the last few weeks. It was my great pleasure to join Milos Milosavljevic, the year 6 classroom teacher at Southport State School, which is the school I attended as a child.

Mr Nicholls: They were the best eight years of your life, mate.

Mr MOLHOEK: I take the interjection from the member for Clayfield. They were the best years of my life.

Mr Nicholls: I said eight years.

Mr MOLHOEK: The best eight years of my life. Along with Andrew Stewart, the deputy principal, and Taylor Haley, the principal, we had a great time last Sunday at the Arundel Bunnings doing the sausage sizzle. The members of the P&C and some of the fine young leaders from Southport State School were there to raise money for some extra outdoor gym equipment. Milos, the year 6 classroom teacher, is doing a great job with many of the young people there, encouraging them to become more active and getting them out in the school ground actually doing physical exercise—perhaps not the calisthenics and the warm milk that we enjoyed as primary school kids. He is certainly getting the kids involved and active at Southport State School.

I also want to acknowledge Eseta Cowley from the Aveo Southport Gardens Retirement Living estate in Beryl Street, Southport. Together with her team, they organised the residents of the community to conduct a pretty in pink lunch last week in support of breast cancer research. It was a challenge to find an appropriate pink shirt to wear as the state member, but I managed to rustle something up from about 10 years ago. I had a great time there last Friday afternoon. The community raised some significant funds for breast cancer research, and I am sure they can all be very proud of their commitment and the work they have done in that respect.

This is a bit of a boast but I am so proud of the fact that in Southport we have one of the largest and best Headspace centres in the country. Steve Hackett, who is the relationships manager and I guess fundamentally the operations manager of the centre, has established an amazing culture there. It was my privilege to head along to Headspace Day again this year and spend some time with some of the staff and the many young people who receive incredible support through that centre. It is a great initiative. They always try to do something a bit fun, and this year the theme was about mixing things up and they had a pushbike with a blender mounted on the front.

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