



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR BUNDAMBA**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Bundamba Electorate**

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (2.03 pm): Our continued commitment to unite and recover includes ongoing investments and support across the local Bundamba community. Barbers, bookkeepers, landscapers and fitness and hospitality workers are among those to already benefit from our small business adaptation grants. These grants are protecting Queensland jobs and keeping Queensland businesses open. Local workers continue to talk to me about high levels of community support and of new and returning customers.

This is our unmistakable Queensland spirit, and I am proud to be part of a united community and a united government that looks out for their mates and offers a helping hand when times are tough. This helping hand is at the very heart of Skilling Queenslanders for Work. Over 2,300 locals in my area have found jobs through the program, and about 480 will benefit from the latest round of funding. In all, more than 200 community based projects will share in nearly \$42 million. Locally, that means that Career Employment Australia at Goodna and Challenge Employment and Training at Collingwood Park can continue to deliver nationally recognised training and job opportunities.

Now more than ever local community groups need our support. A total of 586 groups across Queensland will share in more than \$14.6 million from the latest round of funding from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund—a much needed lifeline as we unite and recover. Our local recipients—Queensland Youth and Families Support Services, Refugee Connect, White Rock Warriors and YMCA Bremer Youth Space—will purchase new equipment and offer new services with the fund's support.

We are taking a pragmatic and effective approach to business and economic recovery by helping Queenslanders get to and from work safely. This week we have delivered increased train and bus services on our local Ipswich lines, providing more seats and more space. Importantly, we have also improved infrastructure around these public transport hubs. This month we officially opened the new-look Ebbw Vale station park-and-ride—a \$3 million upgrade that supported 16 jobs during construction. I thank the Minister for Transport and Main Roads for attending that opening.

While we are supporting Queensland jobs, our health workers are supporting us. I recently joined the assistant health minister, the member for Pine Rivers, in meeting some of the team from West Moreton Health's Goodna Community Health facility. Our outstanding health workers are doing an amazing job across Queensland, and I thank each and every one of them.