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 **Mr PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (7.01 pm): I take the opportunity tonight as we approach the end of Small Business Month to give a shout-out to the thousands of small businesses in my electorate. As we all know in this place, particularly on this side of the House, the majority of them are made up of mum-and-dad family businesses who work hard every day to improve their lot, to employ people and to give back to the community.

I want to highlight an initiative that my local businesses embraced earlier this month when I launched the 'Made in 4573' campaign with a number of local businesses. Collectively we are putting together not only some local produce to showcase and support their local produce—there is fantastic local produce being produced in my electorate—but also hampers that we are then donating to local volunteer groups which they can raffle off or do whatever they want to do with them to help support them. Some of the businesses which have been working with me to help put these hampers together are: Pleasant State, Eumundi Brewery—I want to give a special shout-out to them; they are a great local brewery—Flying West Coffee Roasters, The Soap Bar, Planet Organic, the Shop, Belladotti, Sweet Az Popcorn, V by Ven Foods and Go for Zero. As I said, we have been putting together hampers with those local businesses that we then donate to volunteer groups. That takes me to point No. 2.

Since we were here last sitting, I believe last week was the annual Volunteer Week—this week's motto being 'Better Together'. That is one thing we have been doing with local businesses, putting these hampers together which, as I said, not only supports and showcases our local produce but also helps volunteer groups. One volunteer group I had the chance to meet with last week who I want to give a shout-out to while I have the opportunity tonight is the Bli Bli Community Association, who have been together for many years. They do amazing work not only managing, maintaining and restoring the historical Bli Bli hall but also working on other local products and programs like the Bli Bli community garden, which they are just starting to look at organising at the moment.

I also want to give a shout-out to the Coolum Men's Shed and the Coolum Women's Shed, who I have had the pleasure of donating some of these hampers to recently. I know both of those groups put them to great use selling raffle tickets for them at their recent open day. At the end of Volunteer Week, I want to give all our volunteer groups across the Ninderry electorate a shout-out.

Finally, Friday was the annual P&C Day. I know all of us in this place have some amazing hardworking P&C organisations. Again, they are volunteer organisations who work tirelessly to raise money to invest directly back into schools. I am looking forward to soon—probably before I see you all in budget week—attending a comedy night being held by the P&C at Coolum State School and also a trivia night at Kuluin State School which my wife and I will be attending. I cannot guarantee that we will add to any successful answers, but we will do our best.