



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Algester Electorate, Community Organisations

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts) (6.32 pm): In the Algester electorate there are so many community organisations that contribute so much to the fabric of our community. These organisations are filled with volunteers and participants from right across the Algester electorate who give their time so generously to help others and keep us all connected. During the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent flooding event these organisations have played an even more critical role in our community. I am very pleased to support their efforts, whether that be via the donation of new marquees for the Algester-Parkinson Lions, the Algester Men's Shed and the Algester Little Athletics or support for community events like the recent Forestdale Neighbourhood Watch motor show and country fair, which I have to say was a huge success. It is something I think the member for Kallangur would have liked to have attended. There are also the upcoming Queensland Day celebrations.

Over the last year community organisations in the Algester electorate have been successful in receiving many government grants including over \$216,000 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to support initiatives in our community. In round 108 the scouts association in the Algester electorate received \$12,607 to install a shed and purchase equipment that will support activities in youth development, resilience and confidence for the joeys, cubs and scouts. Let me tell honourable members that they are incredibly happy to be receiving that funding.

In round 110 Calamvale Special School P&C received \$33,542 to update their kitchen which is utilised as a canteen and as a hospitality training area for students to learn how to prepare, cook and serve meals. That is an incredible opportunity for these students. I was fortunate to visit the school to congratulate the P&C on receiving this funding and hear about their plans for the newly renovated kitchen and how it will transform student and staff morale.

The successful recipients in the Algester electorate over the past year also included the Belong Community Centre at Acacia Ridge, Rural Aid, Life & Legacy in Hillcrest, Brisbane Maratha Warriors Cricket Club, Logan City Gridiron Football Club in Browns Pains, C&K Calamvale outside school hours care among others. I have been privileged to meet with and visit many of these wonderful organisations.

I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge a very special volunteer in the Algester electorate. Bob Hetherington from the Algester Men's Shed recently stepped down as the shed's president after many years of working hard to establish the shed and helping find their new temporary home in the Algester electorate. It has not always been an easy journey for Bob but he has never wavered in his determination to support the many members of the Algester Men's Shed. Just last week I joined with the federal member for Oxley, Milton Dick, in congratulating Bob. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly and formally acknowledge the hard work of Bob Hetherington and everything he has done and continues to do for so many across the community and in particular for the many men who are members of the Algester Men's Shed and who rely very heavily on the support they receive there.