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 **Mr MOLHOEK** (Southport—LNP) (7.25 pm): At the outset I want to say how great it is to be here in Cairns. It is not my first visit and I hope it will not be my last. I always enjoy coming to Cairns. I want to start by saying thanks to my leader, David Crisafulli, who took time out of his busy schedule to meet with my young leaders group two Saturdays ago. It was great to have not only 20 other young people there but also the recently inducted youth member for Southport, Priya Virdee-Hero. It is a great program. It has been running for about 10 years. It is amazing to share the journey with some of those young people and see where they end up. In fact, one of the young leaders from last year is now working in the Prime Minister's office. I feel I may need to counsel her about her political path, but it is what it is.

I also want to acknowledge a couple of the schools in my electorate, Bellevue Park State School and principal Robyn Hutchins and Ashmore State School and principal Karen Brown, which put together absolutely cracker Anzac Day services this year. I think they were two of the best services I have attended at local schools in my 10 years as a member. Both schools truly did the Anzac tradition proud. It was such an honour to be there as part of that. Just a few weeks ago Bellevue Park State School also celebrated its 40th anniversary at Southport Sharks. The school was originally to have been named Bundall school but for some reason at the last minute they thought better of that and gave it the name Bellevue Park.

Also during the month I had the privilege of attending the reopening of Little Grubbs Orchard in Southport. Little Grubbs Orchard provides behavioural support, occupational therapy, language, oral motor and communication skills and therapeutic programs for children and their families impacted by neuro-developmental conditions such as autism, ADHD and Global Development Delay. You do not have to spend much time there to see just how passionate Josh and Lily Grubb, the founders and directors of the organisation, are about helping families. More importantly, thanks to the generous support of Blackwood Building Company and their suppliers, Little Grubbs Orchard were able to expand their facilities in Southport and increase their capacity to support even more families in need. The new building includes additional therapy rooms, a sensory room and a play area for children. The support they received from Glen Moat, the head of business for Blackwood Building Company, has been amazing. It is important to acknowledge the role of people who donate their services, whether in kind or cash, to important charities and organisations like Little Grubbs Orchard.