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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Southport Electorate**

 **Mr MOLHOEK** (Southport—LNP) (7.00 pm): I rise tonight to speak about a few things that have been happening in the electorate of Southport. It was a great honour to join Di Macleod and a group of other supporters at the Red Rose Rally in Norm Rix Park last week. At the rally, we remembered a number of people who have sadly lost their lives to domestic violence: Gypsy Satterly, a 25-year-old from the Sunshine Coast; Tayla Cox, a 30-year-old, and her baby, Murphy, just 11 weeks old, from Rockhampton; and an unnamed woman aged 74 from Rockhampton. We also remembered Jessica Townsley, 38, and Terry Bishop, 65, who lost their lives as a result of domestic violence in their communities.

It was a pleasure to be with them at Norm Rix Park because about 20 years ago a group from the community came and saw me when I was the then councillor about the establishment of a garden of reflection. That garden is now located in Norm Rix Park and we were able to acquire a sculpture at the time which symbolises how precious and important women are in our community. It stands there as a memorial to the many who have lost their lives to domestic violence.

It was also my pleasure to attend a morning tea at Ashmore Men's Shed. I want to thank treasurer Bill Vanderstaay who invited me to be their guest speaker. I also had the pleasure of attending Bellevue Park State School's breakfast club last Friday at the invitation of Em Collard, the school chappy, and principal Robyn Hutchins. It just happened to be Say No to Bullying Day, and it was such a pleasure to see so many young people volunteering, buttering toast and serving fresh fruit behind the counter at the tuckshop, and also wishing everyone as they left a 'happy no bullying day'.

During the month, I joined the team at Hope Starts Here, a homelessness service in Southport that provides food, clothing, food parcels and a range of other services each week. I especially want to acknowledge Donna Cooper and Lyn Mansfield, two of the volunteers from that team, and the great work they do. What a great pleasure it was to be a part of this year's Vinnies CEO Sleepout. The Gold Coast knocked another record out of the park, raising \$592,000. It was great to have the housing minister via live link to announce the 60 apartments in Nerang on the land that Vinnies had purchased with the funds raised over the last five years.