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 **Mr MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (2.25 pm): The sickening horror and absolute tragedy that occurred at Bondi Junction last weekend is sitting in the pit of every Australian's stomach. Families were torn apart in the cruellest of circumstances. Our entire nation is mourning and struggling to accept that such senseless violence can exist. It could have happened anywhere to anyone, and that is what is hitting home for many Queenslanders.

Close to my home, thoughts are of Ashlee Good, the most courageous of mums who used her dying moments to save her nine-month-old baby daughter, Harriet. Before moving to Sydney, Ash worked as an osteopath next door to my electorate office in Buderim. Her former colleagues have reached out to me, hoping the Sunshine Coast community will get behind a fundraising effort to support her husband and baby girl. They tell me that Ash was involved in the Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club as an active patrol member, saving lives in her spare time while improving people's lives in her day job as an osteopath. I encourage everyone to visit the GoFundMe page set up under Ash's name.

Ash's friends have described her as having a beautiful and warm spirit with an energy and drive that inspired all. Baby Harriet is now forced to grow up without her mum. Nothing will fix that. She will, however, have the support of a nation, including those of us on the Sunshine Coast who are united in her devastation and will remember her mum as the brave and selfless hero that she was.

Turning to another Buderim local champion, in 2004 the Buderim community came together to launch the amazing community foundation that we now know as the Buderim Foundation. It is a philanthropic not-for-profit organisation that builds a stronger Buderim by harnessing the power of giving. The concept is simple: money comes in through donations and bequests, those funds are then invested and the earnings are distributed to support community organisations that support the Buderim community. Donations and bequests are never spent, and over the years the fund has continued to grow. It was launched by the then Queensland governor, Dame Quentin Bryce. Since it was launched in 2004, the Buderim Foundation has provided \$1.791 million to our community. This year alone, the foundation provided \$65,800 to SunnyKids and \$43,500 to support families on the Sunshine Coast with back-to-school expenses.

Last Friday night, we gathered at sunset to celebrate the 20th birthday of the Buderim Foundation. With a birthday cake made by a local small business, Simplee Sweet, and a few drinks, we celebrated a legacy that has made our community more vibrant; a legacy that has supported hundreds of community groups over the past 20 years. I look forward to it continuing for another 20 years. On behalf of our community, I want to place on record our community's thanks to the entire Buderim Foundation—all of the volunteers, ambassadors, donors and those who make our community a better place.