




Speech By
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QMN Manufacturing

 **Hon. DR LAST** (Burdekin—LNP) (Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development) (2.09 pm): The Burdekin district is home to many longstanding multigenerational businesses, and one of those is QMN Manufacturing. Recently QMN celebrated 40 years in business, but that will come as no surprise to anyone who knows the Burdekin. QMN opened its doors in 1984 with just five employees under the guidance of Frank, Sam and Charlie Nucifora. Given the Nucifora family's track record in business, it is no surprise that QMN Manufacturing has gone from strength to strength. Today QMN employs 27 staff and their work is in demand across Australia. Dedicated staff and investment into the business means that QMN manufactures a wide range of hydraulic cylinders up to nine inches in diameter for a wide range of industries, including agriculture.

Where QMN differ from many of their competitors is that they manufacture most of the components that make up the hydraulic cylinders. In addition to ensuring unparalleled quality, it gives them the opportunity to innovate. It also means they can deliver the highest levels of service while producing up to 40,000 cylinders per year. As the member for Nanango will attest, the QMN facility is a bit of a hidden gem. Located in the Ayr Industrial Estate, you would not believe what is designed and produced from that facility. Led by Dave and Peter, there is no questioning the skill and dedication of the staff at that facility. They are supported by a wide range of equipment and machinery, including the latest CNC lathes and milling machines and robot assisted machinery.

As the member for Burdekin, there is very little I enjoy more than speaking about the success of businesses and individuals from my electorate. As the Minister for Manufacturing, I share these success stories to motivate Queensland businesses. I put on the record my congratulations to Frank, Sam, Charlie and all of the Nucifora family on this achievement. I also thank the Nucifora family for their role in training apprentices, supporting our key industries and providing an example to other businesses that shows Queensland's manufacturing industry has achieved so much. It also shows that with the right support from government we can translate potential into opportunities. There is no better example than QMN Manufacturing.

The Burdekin was built on the blood, sweat and tears of people like Frank, Sam and Charlie. Anyone who knows the Nucifora family and those three brothers will attest to the fact that they epitomise hard work. They are still working in their business in the Burdekin community every single day of the week. They work tirelessly for that community. We are so proud of what they have achieved. Once again I offer my sincere congratulations.