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 **Hon. BA MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (9.05 pm): I rise tonight to talk about two great events I have recently attended in my electorate of Buderim. On 16 August, a couple of Saturdays ago, we re-established the Buderim Street Party—a tremendous Buderim event that, unfortunately, has had a bit of a hibernation since COVID. The last one we held was in 2019. Through the hard work of the Buderim Lions, led by Mr Brian McBride, we re-established the Buderim Street Party this year. We had over 20,000 people visit the Buderim Street Party. I want to acknowledge the Buderim Mountain State School, because we used their school oval, and the work of their P&C. The Buderim Street Party committee did a mountain of work to ensure we delivered a safe and enjoyable night with food, music and fun. The entire community came together and it was great to see so many families enjoying a night out in Buderim.

We had a market stall, and I want to acknowledge my staff. Olivia from my office put together a market stall in my absence with over 3,000 show bags. My young fellow Alex, who is eight, said that my show bags were better than anything he got at the Ekka. I have to say that that was consistent feedback I received all night. In fact, a gentleman I was talking to on level 7 said that he has the times table on the back of his toilet door and he gets to see my head every time he goes in there, which is unfortunate for him.

I want to acknowledge the successful winner of the lolly jar guess, which was Sophie and her family. Well done, Sophie. Thank you to all of those who put on this tremendous community event. It is a testament to the sense of community that exists in Buderim that we are able to put on these events, but they do not happen without the hard work of volunteers like the Buderim Street Party committee led by Brian McBride and the Buderim Lions.

I also want to talk about the Buderim Foundation's 21st birthday celebration on Saturday, 23 August. The guest speaker was Reverend Tim Costello AO, who spoke about what it meant to have a sense of community. The message that struck me was 'Us, not I. We, not me.' He spoke about the cultures that exist elsewhere and how Buderim is unique when it comes to the sense of community that exists.

The Buderim Foundation is the embodiment of that culture. It is an entity that was established 21 years ago which basically takes in donations, invests those proceeds and then distributes the earnings from those investments to community groups. They have given out over \$2.3 million since they were established back in 2004, when those donations started to flow. I want to acknowledge the chair, Rick Woods, for his work. We received a \$1 million donation on Saturday night, which is a tremendous commitment to our local community. The Buderim Foundation have set the goal of \$2.1 million in donations over the next 21 weeks. No amount is too small. If anyone in our community would like to contribute to the important work of the Buderim Foundation, they can jump onto their

website and donate and help them to continue the work of supporting our community organisations in Buderim.