



Speech By  
**Hon. Jann Stuckey**

**MEMBER FOR CURRUMBIN**

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**MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

**Currumbin Surf-Lifesaving; Currumbin Estuary**

 **Hon. JA STUCKEY** (Currumbin—LNP) (Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games) (3.08 pm): Our dedicated surf-lifesavers on the southern Gold Coast have wrapped up another successful season with their keenly fought awards night. Each year since my election in 2004, I have donated a rescue board to the patrol club of the year. I wish to acknowledge that the Pacific Surf Life Saving Club in the Burleigh electorate was victorious this year. They were recognised for their overall outstanding commitment in all aspects involved in getting a patrol on the beach. The Point Danger branch comprises 11 affiliated clubs, eight situated in the Currumbin electorate and three in the Burleigh electorate. The branch is the first and oldest in Queensland, boasting century-old clubs in the Coolangatta/Tweed region. This coming year will mark a truly special milestone, its 90th anniversary. Honourable members would know that I speak often of the invaluable and selfless work of our volunteer surf-lifesavers because they epitomise the community oriented and generous spirit of Queenslanders. I thank outgoing manager Kerrie Barnes for her many years of committed service as she pursues other roles.

The sheer volume of locals and tourists we have visiting our world famous and truly spectacular beaches requires an army of volunteers. On behalf of Currumbin residents, I thank our surf-lifesavers for their dedicated efforts.

In a big win for Currumbin, I was recently able to secure more than \$300,000 in infrastructure funds for Currumbin estuary. I thank the minister for making these funds available. Funding will enable construction of two new public pontoons and a revamped boat ramp at Winders Park. These new and improved facilities will provide greater access to our beloved Currumbin Creek and allow the public to safely enjoy this natural beauty. Since the establishment of the Gold Coast Waterways Authority by this LNP government in 2012, I have worked closely with CEO, Hal Morris, and the local community to improve safety for all users of the creek.

I would also like to acknowledge two remarkable ladies—Rosemary Pye and Pamela Murphy—who are celebrating 30 years of service as school crossing supervisors at Coolangatta State School. This is a truly stellar effort and I thank them for giving so selflessly of their time for so long and helping numerous generations of schoolchildren arrive and leave their school safely.

I also wish to congratulate our swimmers who achieved some outstanding results at the recent Pan Pacific Games. Special mention must go to young gun Cameron McEvoy who trains locally at the Palm Beach-Currumbin pool. McEvoy won two gold and two bronze medals, with his 100-metre freestyle performance blowing the competitors out of the water.

I also wish a big happy birthday to Snapper Rocks Surfriders Club, one of the most decorated boardriding clubs in Australia. It will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this month. The southern Gold Coast has a number of iconic beaches, including Snapper, which are home to a bevy of world champion surfers, including Stephanie Gilmore, Joel Parkinson, Wayne 'Rabbit' Bartholomew, Wayne Dean and—our hometown favourite—Mick Fanning.