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## ADJOURNMENT

### Guanaba Rural Fire Brigade, Open Day; Upper Coomera State College

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Albert—LNP) (5.42 pm): I rise to speak about one of my local rural fire brigades which had their open day last Sunday, 6 August, Guanaba Rural Fire Brigade. They are a fantastic group of individuals. They are a lovely group.

**Mr Krause** interjected.

**Mr BOOTHMAN:** I take the interjection from the member for Beaudesert and future member for Scenic Rim. They are located at the bottom of the Tamborine Mountain, which is such a picturesque little area. As I said they are a great bunch of individuals. Under the stewardship of Kris, who is the first officer there, they certainly put on a fantastic open day event.

One person I have to mention is Brendan Gold. His friends call him 'Red'. He was the mastermind behind the event. He did an enormous amount of work. He organised virtually everything there. He rang me on a regular basis to see if I could help in any way, shape or form. The member for Gaven and I certainly did everything we could to make his life a little bit easier. We organised the snags for his barbecue. I must say they went through 50 kilos of good MacNab sausages from the local butcher. We had 700-odd people attend on that day. It was a really successful day. I have to thank the sponsors of the event, especially Celebrations Party Hire and David Chan. He supplied all the tables and the chairs. It was a very kind gift for the local community.

I must say that last Friday was a sad day for Upper Coomera State College. It was the last day for the acting principal. He was not there that long but he certainly made his mark at the school. That principal was Chris Capra. He was instrumental in getting the new Zarraffa's program up and running in the school. This meant that those kids doing hospitality courses could receive a Zarraffa's certificate as well, giving them a lot more employment opportunities, especially if they wanted to work in a Zarraffa's cafe while at university. It was fantastic to see all the things he did for the school. The hospitality students certainly excelled at a recent chaplains event at Upper Coomera State College. They certainly showed off their talents. Along with the teachers Brett and Michael, we are very proud of what the students have achieved. Chris Capra will be sorely missed. We are very sad to see him go. However, I know that the member for Currumbin will look after him at Palm Beach-Currumbin State High School. I wish him all the best.