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### MEDIA RELEASE

## Last calls on Christmas spirit

Member for Burdekin, Dale Last, will launch his annual Christmas Appeal on Monday and believes the Burdekin's Christmas spirit will, once again, support local families in need.

As we approach the end of what he called a "difficult year for everyone", Mr Last is confident that the goodwill seen in previous years will continue.

"2020 has been difficult in so many ways for so many people but, time and time again, the community spirit of the Burdekin community comes to the fore," Mr Last said.

"Every donation, big or small, makes a huge difference because it shows people who are doing it tough that the community cares and that they are not alone."

"The donations we receive each year from the Burdekin Woodcrafts Association and the Burdekin Men's Shed are always popular and put a smile on the faces of the children who receive them. I think for the parents it's the food and little luxuries that are donated that help them the most at a time that can be very confronting."

Mr Last said that if people are unable to contribute to the collection they can also play a vital part in sharing the spirit of the appeal.

"I know that not everyone is in a position to contribute," Mr Last said. "The important thing is that we all do what we can to help those less fortunate and that can be as simple as saying hello and sharing a smile."

"Whether it's a donation or just showing someone you care, every little bit makes a huge difference and, after such a trying year for many people, those little bits can really add up."

"We still face the prospect of some families not being able to be together at Christmas due to the virus itself or it's effects so I would ask everyone to check on their friends, family and neighbours just in case. The true spirit of Christmas is showing we care and, regardless of how we do that, it is the most important aspect of Christmas."

Donations, including non-perishable food, can be made from Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> until Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at Mr Last's office in the Centrepoint Arcade.

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