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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (9.16 pm): I am continually impressed with the constituents of Kawana and the great community spirit they have. Recently I was pleased to award around 50 Kawana constituents at the Kawana community awards. Every year we recognise volunteers for their great contribution to the Kawana community. Recipients included dance instructors, event organisers, lifesavers, environmentalists as well as many other local community champions. Some nominees were nominated multiple times, testament to their dedication and commitment to helping others. It was great to catch up with Ian from Coast Guard Mooloolaba. I was reflecting with Ian that a few nights earlier I may have had to have the assistance of the coast guard out on the waters of the Sunshine Coast. It just shows that one should check the weather before one goes out onto the water.

I mention the Kawana Shoppingworld upgrade. Mirvac is investing in a fantastic expansion to Kawana Shoppingworld which will include cinemas. Currently there are cinemas available in Caloundra and Maroochydore but there are none in the Kawana electorate. It is great that Kawana Shoppingworld will finally have a cinema, more specialty stores and additional car parks for the complex. Upgrades will also include increased dining options as well as vastly improved street presence, both on Nicklin Way and on Point Cartwright Drive. The cinema complex will have 10 screens and an additional 750 car parks. We look forward to that development starting in the electorate.

Local roads around the hospital are still a concern to many in my electorate. The roundabout upgrades have started, but there is still a concern from the business community, with a 40 to 75 per cent increase in traffic when the hospital opens, that there will be major traffic delays, particularly when the hospital opens in April next year. I call on the government to continually look at and put heaps of money into those roads, including the Mooloolah River interchange.

I also ask for common-sense solutions with respect to signage. The Best Western hotel and other businesses just want a sign on Nicklin Way to show that there is a new business complex down there. There is a Coffee Club, Raw Energy, Good Bean and the Best Western hotel. We need some good signs. I would ask the minister to get the bureaucrats out of the way and put up a sign on Nicklin Way, at least in the interim, to show where the business community is. Particularly with the delay of the hospital, lots of businesses down there need more foot traffic.

I thank Pacific Lutheran College on its Ocean Festival a couple of weeks ago and Talara state college for its school fete. Both schools did an awesome job and thank you to all of the organisers for those amazing events.

Finally, I pay tribute to a real community champion, Brian Hall, who recently passed away. Brian was a champion in our Lake Currimundi-Kawana Lions Club. I offer my condolences to his wife, Dora. Brian was always the life of the party at the Lions Club. He was the emcee for many events and I struggled when speaking at these events to match his good wit. He certainly was the life of the party. To Dora and all of Brian's family, I wish them all the condolences I can give. He will be forever cherished in my memory.