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 **Mr SAUNDERS** (Maryborough—ALP) (6.49 pm): I mention the name Duncan Chapman. A lot of people in the chamber would not know who Duncan Chapman is. Duncan Chapman was the first man to step foot on Gallipoli, and he comes from Maryborough. He was born and bred in Maryborough. We are putting up a monument to Duncan Chapman. We have a statue there now. We are telling the story of Duncan Chapman and the battles of World War I.

I would like to congratulate three members of the community who have made this possible in Maryborough. They are fantastic people. Nancy Bates was the editor of the *Fraser Coast Chronicle*. She was the first female editor of APN newspapers. She was there for many, many years. Nancy has been very proactive with this. She led the committee to get this organised. Another member of the committee is Greg Bolderow. I worked with Greg for many years in radio. He was one of my bosses when I was a young, fledgling radio announcer. We call him 'Mr Maestro' around Maryborough. Greg has worked absolutely tirelessly to get this project off the ground. It will be a game changer for Maryborough. It will be part of the military trial that we are having on the Fraser Coast, and it will start in Maryborough at the Duncan Chapman memorial.

The third member of the committee is Jason Scanes. Jason is the CEO of the Maryborough RSL Club. Jason has done a marvellous job with this club since being appointed as the CEO. He is a former soldier who has served in Afghanistan. He is back now running the RSL club and getting it back on its feet. He has gone to great lengths since taking over as manager of that club. Last Saturday night we celebrated 100 years of continuous service of the Maryborough RSL Club to the returned veterans and the people of Maryborough.

The person I really want to thank is the Premier. The Premier has been absolutely amazing in getting this project off the ground. The Premier has come to Maryborough and talked to committee members. The Premier has really pushed hard to get this project for Maryborough because she knows the significance of this project for the Maryborough electorate, particularly for Maryborough city. As the member for Maryborough but also as a resident, I would like to thank the Premier because she went out of her way and took the time to come and make sure that this project got over the line so that Duncan Chapman is remembered by all. As a resident and taxpayer of Queensland, I would like to say thank you to the Premier because she came, she listened and she talked to the community. As all Labor governments do, we have funded this absolutely wonderful thing for Maryborough city—the remembrance of Duncan Chapman, the first man to step ashore at Gallipoli.