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 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (7.03 pm): It is a great pleasure to see Anzac Day commemorations proudly returning to our local Ipswich community this week. After a tough 2020 that saw Queenslanders mark the moment from home during lockdown, schools and community groups are embracing a far different Anzac Day this time around.

On Monday I had the pleasure of attending Bellbird Park State Secondary College's commemorations and today Redbank Plains State High School held its commemoration. Later this week our local schools in Ripley Valley, Redbank Plains, Goodna, Collingwood Park, Riverview and Bundamba will host their services and on Sunday the Goodna RSL subbranch will lead two services and a march which I very much look forward to. I congratulate all involved in these very significant commemorations as we acknowledge the service and sacrifice of our defence personnel. Let us not forget.

Health facilities are expanding across our local community. Work continues on our new \$91 million, 50-bed acute mental health unit as part of stage 1 of the master planned expansion of Ipswich Hospital. The development will support hundreds of jobs during construction and, once built, will deliver more world-class facilities for Queenslanders in Queensland's fastest growing healthcare region. Co-designed with clinicians and community as a place of wellness and healing with a focus on person centred care, the unit is expected to open late next year. It will provide a contemporary environment for best practice mental health care along with assessment, recovery and rehabilitation services. Already we have invested more than \$146 million over five years in stage 1 of the hospital expansion and now stage 2 planning is underway through a \$2 million business case to consider the best use of our facilities as we service future needs.

The commitment to the health and wellbeing of our local community extends to housing. Our \$1.6 billion Housing Construction Jobs Program will deliver over 5½ thousand new dwellings by 2027. Locally, this means 56 apartments and a total investment of \$19 million. It was great to catch up this week with workers in Redbank touring one of the sites that is nearing completion and talking to the team about how the development will support those in need. The Palaszczuk government is doing the heavy lifting with record investment in housing while, unfortunately, Scott Morrison has turned his back on Queenslanders. We need the federal government to step up and support more affordable housing by extending the National Rental Affordability Scheme. These incentives have been ceasing since November 2018 and will continue to end until mid-2025.

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