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 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (2.21 pm): As promised, I am back to continue the story about all the exciting infrastructure projects going on in the Kurwongbah electorate. Last time I spoke I knew I would run out of time fitting them all in one speech. I think we were up to Mathieson Park. For a couple of years now I, along with Councillor Mick Gillam and the mighty Pine Rivers Bears, the only BRL team in Moreton Bay, have been working hard to make this project a reality. On 5 February the first modules of the Bears' new change rooms were craned into Mathieson Oval. That was a major milestone. I look forward to the official launch of these fantastic new facilities which include all-female change rooms worth almost a million dollars during the Pine Cup later this month.

Speaking of new facilities, the Narangba Rangers should have their new amenities block by midyear. This is a joint council-state project under our Works for Queensland program. The \$300,000 project is about to commence and will mean junior players do not have to trek across car parks and fields to go to the bathroom or get changed. Councillor Darren Grimwade, known to many in this place, and I will be very happy to see this one finished—good work, Darren—as the Rangers are a great club and their executive and other volunteers work really hard for every dollar's worth of improvement to this great community facility. With footy season just kicking off, I am sure I will have plenty of opportunities to get down there and check out the new building's progress.

Further north in the electorate, the Burpengary Pines bus stop is now becoming a reality. I know the police minister, who was just on his feet, will be very happy to hear this. There is a major milestone coming up on that project, which has been 10 years or more in the making: the relocation of the southbound bus stop on Morayfield Road next to the Burpengary Pines Village. I fought hard for the \$750,000 needed to better open up bus access to local seniors living in this village, along with new pedestrian paths, refuge crossings and better lighting. I enjoyed getting back into hi-vis and a hard hat the other week when I went and had a look at it.

I now turn to Dakabin train station. Everyone in this place has heard me talk at length about the upgrade to Dakabin station, which I now share with our Deputy Premier, Steven Miles. The new footbridge at Dakabin station is up, the platforms have been raised and this \$40 million accessibility upgrade, complete with a new multistorey car park, will vastly improve access to our rail network for people with mobility impairments, seniors on scooters, mums and dads with prams as well as people who are vision or hearing impaired thanks to the inclusion of hearing loops and tactile surface features in the upgrade.

Next I speak of Burpengary station. Finally, I hope to soon catch up with the transport minister to see how things are progressing on the planning for the \$29 million Burpengary station upgrade. It is a commitment I am so proud to have secured for our community. With a new community club and shopping precinct about to open across the road, there could not be a better time to get things going.