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 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (7.09 pm): Today we announce the official name of our brand new school which is currently under construction in our local Bundamba community. The name of the new \$85 million school at Purser Road is Woogaroo Creek State School. This follows a comprehensive consultation process. The name has strong geographical, cultural and environmental significance for our local community. Our local First Nations community maintains a close connection to the creek after previous generations fished its waters and settled on the surrounding land. The creek is also a local landmark for many, serving as a natural boundary between the Bundamba and Jordan electorates, and its name is synonymous with our local community. We are already home to Woogaroo Field, home of the mighty Goodna Eagles, the Woogaroo Swimming Club and of course Woogaroo Creek. Now we are very happy to welcome Woogaroo Creek State School. It will be supported by another new primary school in Ripley, the Ripley Central State School, which is also set to open to more students at the start of 2023.

More than 4,500 people across our local Ipswich community are in work now compared to this time last year, and business confidence and industry investment continues to be incredibly strong. Recently we announced that one of the biggest drink manufacturers in the world is set to build a new \$400 million facility at our local community in Swanbank. The Frucor Suntory factory will support up to 600 local jobs, including 160 long-term roles. Up to 20 million cases of drinks will be produced at the facility each year when it opens in 2024, and that is all backed by our Invested in Queensland program.

In another huge vote of confidence for our local community the Southern Hemisphere's biggest and most advanced animal genomics and food safety lab is now open in Bundamba. The \$11 million Neogen Australasia facility is supporting more good, highly skilled jobs backed by our Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund. It means that Neogen's agribusiness operations, warehousing, distribution and technical support are now based in one 3,000-square-metre facility that is already home to 65 workers. At least another 25 roles are expected to be added during the next five years as Neogen continues to expand its local operations.

Finally, I conclude tonight by placing on record my sincere condolences to the family and friends of long-time local Labor Party stalwart and Collingwood Park resident Michael Jennings. I first met Mickey over 15 years ago and I am very proud to call him a mate. He was a wealth of knowledge, loved a beer and had a wicked sense of humour. Vale, Michael Jennings.