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 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (7.41 pm): It is nearly nine months since an extreme weather event resulted in devastating flooding to parts of my local Bundamba community. Our recovery is ongoing. We are buying back the first properties under our \$741 million Resilient Homes Fund. As a government, we have recently committed more than \$2.2 million to help our local sports clubs, community groups and not-for-profits as they continue to build back better. At the Goodna Bowls Club, that means repairing greens and replacing irrigation systems that were inundated.

It is a similar story just around the corner at the Goodna Netball Association, where new equipment and upgraded facilities will support this determined community club. I recall being there with many other community members and volunteers dragging some of the damage and flood affected possessions from the Goodna Netball Association buildings. It is great to see the assistance going to a very deserving community club. The Ipswich Knights Soccer Club in Bundamba will benefit from improved playing surfaces and supporting infrastructure, and further upgrades will be carried out at the Ipswich and District Rifle Club in South Ripley.

Importantly, we are also supporting flood victims with new training and job opportunities. Backed by our signature Skilling Queenslanders for Work community recovery round, the team from Challenge Employment and Training will continue the development of its Eco Hub concept at Riverview, with trainees gaining a Certificate I in Conservation and Ecosystem Management or a Certificate I in Construction. This will provide participants with 20 weeks of hands-on experience and new long-term job opportunities, all backed by a program that has already helped more than 3,300 locals into work and training.

In more good news for our local flood recovery, our brand new refurbished Club Parkview will open at Woogaroo Street in Goodna in just a few weeks. Formerly the Goodna Services Club, the venue was inundated earlier this year. A huge effort by the president, Russell, and the entire team will see the rebranded club reopen with two restaurants, a cafe, tap house, gaming and more. It was great to catch up with Russell last week. This marks an incredibly important milestone for our local community. Venues like these are meeting places where we celebrate our successes and share our stories. They support our local schools and sports clubs, along with our proud veteran community.