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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (6.13 pm): It gives me great pleasure to rise tonight to talk about 12 of our local sporting clubs on the northern Gold Coast. We are a fast-growing community, as I have often reported in the House. There are more than 20,000 young people going to school in the electorate, with another couple of thousand who live in the electorate and go to school just outside the electorate.

We had the opportunity to put out a call to some of our sporting groups late last year to see who wanted some self-branded marquees. I am pleased to inform the House that 12 of the northern Gold Coast sporting groups put their hands up: the Ormeau Shearers Rugby League Football Club; the Crusaders Football Club; the Gold Coast Clay Target Club; the North Gold Coast Seahawks Basketball, where my grandson is now a member of the Pimpama Pelicans, which is the under-13 boys team; the Pimpama City Football Club; the Ormeau Football Club; the North Albert Field Archers, which have been there for a long time but I have only just had the opportunity to meet them; the Ormeau Little Athletics; the Northern Elements Netball Club; the Woongoolba Tennis Club; the Ormeau Bulldogs Australian Football Club; and the Alberton Ormeau Cricket Club. All of them now have their own branding on those marquees. We gave them two marquees each, so we delivered 24 marquees to those community groups and they are absolutely rapt in them. The feedback we have received is amazing.

Another good news story for the electorate is the long-awaited Coomera TAFE. We call it the 'Marine Centric TAFE'. I ran a petition for this back in September 2019. Sadly, the minister at the time, the member for Waterford, indicated that that was not going to happen. She actually pooh-poohed the idea on Twitter, along with a couple of other things. All of that has gone by the wayside now because the good news is that the Morrison federal government committed 50 per cent funding just before the last election in September 2020. Here we are 16 months later and the sod turning finally occurred just the other day so that is under construction. If I heard him right, I think the federal member for Fadden, Stuart Robert, has indicated that it will be opened by May this year. I joined the member for Fadden, Stuart Robert, and the Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development, Di Farmer, on site to do the sod turning, which was a great experience. We had a cast of thousands there on the day. I am looking forward to that precinct opening for the northern Gold Coast community.