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 **Mr TANTARI** (Hervey Bay—ALP) (6.08 pm): Recently, on behalf of the Minister for Education, I attended the sod turning for the commencement of the new \$18.2 million multipurpose hall at Urangan State High School. This project, as part of the government's Great Schools Great Future program and one of my election commitments, will deliver an impressive new multipurpose hall which includes two full-size multipurpose sports courts, a performance stage, a classroom, other amenities for staff and students and change rooms as well as a new car-parking area and an outdoor courtyard. Urangan State High School currently has around 1,600 students, and this new addition will enable greater participation in a range of current and additional sporting and creative arts activities. Most of all, it will provide a covered space large enough to enable full campus assemblies—something they have been unable to do on their own grounds until now. I want to acknowledge: Principal Tony McCormack and former principals; the chair of the school council, Tanya Stevenson; the P&C committee; parents; teachers; school leaders; and the greater school community, who have championed the need for this hall. This will be a huge bonus to this school community and a great community asset for the Hervey Bay community. Well done to all.

I was excited to make another great announcement for my local community. Recently, I joined with members of the Hervey Bay Tennis Club executive, including club secretary Michael Price, to congratulate the club for rallying together to lob in their funding application under the Minor Infrastructure Program. Their application for just over \$117,000 to install brand new lighting on an additional four outdoor courts was an outright winner. Hervey Bay has an active tennis community. The volley of use across all the courts between 6 am and 10 pm is an indication of this. These additional lit courts will add extended use to this facility, so more of the community will be able to play for longer. It aces the options for the club and the Hervey Bay & District Tennis Association to hold larger regional tournaments, a great win for my community. Who knows where the next Ash Barty, Pat Rafter or even 2032 Olympic team members will come from? By providing this funding to support good regional facilities, the Palaszczuk government is ensuring my region reaches game, set and match when it comes to more jobs, better services and a great lifestyle.

Finally, this morning, as they do every year, the Hervey Bay RSL sub-branch held a commemorative service to mark Australian Peacekeepers Day, honouring those who served in this capacity right across the world since 1947. That is 76 years since Australians were first deployed. As members may be aware, the Hervey Bay electorate has a large contingent of ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen from right across the various services and theatres of action. I also congratulate the RSL sub-branch executive that works tirelessly to ensure that the recognition of their service is never forgotten. Lest we forget.