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Ms McMilLAN (Mansfield—ALP) (7.09 pm): Last week it was exciting to see the progress on our new \$37.5 million Eight Mile Plains Satellite Hospital with my colleague the member for Toohey, Peter Russo MP.

Mr Russo: Hear, hear!

Ms McMILLAN: And what a great member he is. The hospital is taking shape. The concrete slabs have been laid, the internal beams are in place and the roof is going on this week. The Eight Mile Plains Satellite Hospital will possess a minor injury and illness clinic to see patients with urgent and non-life-threatening conditions, alleviate pressure on local hospitals and emergency departments and focus on consumer experiences, ensuring that many patients will receive their treatment much closer to their homes, particularly those living at the southern end of the Mansfield electorate. The satellite hospital is located near transport links and major roads and offers free parking. The hospital is fantastic for our community. It will offer care closer to home and will create over 100 local jobs during construction. This satellite hospital is one of seven being built across South-East Queensland thanks to the Palaszczuk government's ongoing commitment to build world-class health infrastructure for all Queenslanders.

It was wonderful to meet this year's YMCA youth member of parliament and Mount Gravatt East resident, Grace. We spoke about issues of concern to her including youth mental health, vaping amongst our young people and the causes of youth crime. It is wonderful to see our young people understand the complex nature of youth crime and understand the complex factors that contribute to youth crime. I am very proud of Grace and I am excited to work with her this year in our respective leadership roles.

It was lovely to attend Easter mass at St Bernard's church with fellow parishioners. Our community is very blessed and grateful to have a great local parish priest, Father Pat Maloney, a friend to many in this House. Our community would also like to warmly welcome the Reverend Michael Calder, the new Anglican priest in charge of the parish of Wishart at St John's. I am sure that many local residents from diverse faiths have had a wonderful Easter with family and friends. I also look forward to acknowledging our local Muslim community as they celebrate the end of Ramadan this Saturday.

The Mount Gravatt Men's Shed hosted a successful open day for the community and today celebrated the 10th anniversary of the official opening of the shed. Sadly, I could not be there. I congratulate Ned Talay and Wishart local Keaton Luck, who run the fantastic Sharks Volleyball Club based at Mansfield State High School. I popped into their four-day holiday camp over the Easter break, and it was wonderful to see 330 young people having a great time—being engaged, learning new skills and making friends. Well done to Ned and Keaton. They are great young members of our community who run this regular school holiday camp for our Mansfield electorate young people. Congratulations to these wonderful young men.