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 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (2.45 pm): The Palaszczuk government is continuing to deliver more world-class health care closer to home as part of what is the biggest investment in health, hospital beds and hospitals in Queensland's history. That includes our local Bundamba community. We are already delivering the Ipswich Hospital expansion; the public bed expansion of the Mater Hospital in Springfield; and our brand new South Ripley satellite hospital. That will be added to, with the very exciting addition—we have community consultation open right now—of a new subacute facility in South Ripley. This will mean a new three-storey subacute facility with a 90-bed capacity to be located right next to our state-of-the-art satellite hospital, which is currently well under construction in South Ripley on Barrams Road. This subacute facility is expected to provide healthcare services such as rehabilitation, geriatric care, palliative care and interim care. I encourage our local community to have their say on the proposal before submissions close on 2 May. The delivery of this facility will mean even more health care closer to home whilst helping to free up capacity for acute and emergency patients at our larger public hospitals like at Ipswich. It also will mean more health care for our rapidly growing Ripley community.

This is another important investment in our local community by the Palaszczuk government. It is an investment in the health and wellbeing of our local community. We are focused on delivering for our local community. This is in stark contrast to the LNP, who have no healthcare policy other than to cut, sack and sell. Unfortunately, their flimsy policy to cut, sack and sell includes the entire Satellite Hospitals Program. This puts in danger the South Ripley satellite hospital. It puts in danger this brand new 90-bed subacute facility. We could fully expect that, given the chance, the LNP would not only sack our healthcare workers but also either cut these badly needed healthcare facilities entirely or put them up for sale and privatise them.

I conclude today by wishing the Ipswich Men's Shed in Bundamba a very happy 10th birthday. As proud patron of the group, I thank Terry Carter and the team.