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Mr McCALLUM (Bundamba—ALP) (7.34 pm): Bundamba is booming and the Palaszczuk Labor government is delivering the infrastructure and services and creating jobs that we need in our rapidly growing community. Recently, we were very happy to welcome the Minister for Education, the member for McConnel, to our local community to celebrate the beautiful official opening of not one but two brand new local schools—Ripley Central State School and Woogaroo Creek State School. These are two of the four brand new schools that the Palaszczuk Labor government has delivered just this year in 2023. The good news is that there is even more to come with the Bellbird Park State School set to open to students from term 1 next year, and a new high school at Collingwood Park which is currently under construction and is due to open in 2025. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our local year 12 students all the very best for the final week of secondary schooling before they finish up this Friday.

In addition to education services, we are delivering more social housing for our local community. It was wonderful to see the finishing touches being applied to our brand new social homes at Goodna, and we have another nearing completion at Redbank Plains which makes it six new complexes being delivered across our local community recently. This is part of our ongoing commitment to providing more safe, secure and affordable accommodation sooner to locals in Bundamba. It is not just social housing. We have delivered statewide nearly \$10 million in rental support in this quarter alone, to help renters stay in their homes. This includes initiatives like bond loans, rental grants, rental subsidies and no-interest housing loans.

We have infrastructure that is being built right across our community at the moment. Work is well underway on our major upgrade of Bundamba train station. We have the recently completed Ripley Satellite Hospital which has been opened and providing care to our local community. We have construction underway right now on the 90-bed subacute health facility that is right next to the satellite hospital. There is construction underway on the new ambulance station in Ripley and a new police station in Ripley. We are turning our local Swanbank Power Stations into South-East Queensland's very first clean energy hub. Of course, we are delivering that record level of cost-of-living relief to our local community. Of course, all of this will be at risk under 'Dodgy David' and the LNP and their list of cuts that will decimate our local community.