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Hon. MT RYAN (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (6.01 pm): I would like to inform the House about investments in the Caboolture-Morayfield area by this government, particularly health investments, which is very important. It was only last month that I was able to join the Queensland Ambulance Service and unveil the plans for the new Morayfield Ambulance Station, a very big investment in the Caboolture-Morayfield area. It is actually an extra ambulance station—it is not replacing an ambulance station—it will deliver extra services. It will host 17 paramedics, but it is built for the future with a 10-bay ambulance vehicle storage area as well as space for non-acute QAS vehicles. That is a very big investment in the Caboolture-Morayfield area strategically located in the middle of Morayfield East. I am looking forward to seeing construction start this year and the official opening early next year.

There are also other health investments. We have the Caboolture satellite hospital that is well underway. I am very pleased to inform the House that construction is on track and it is due to be completed this year. The main building is now complete with internal fit-out works underway. It will be a great addition to the Caboolture area and will bring more health services to the very busy and growing community of Caboolture and surrounds.

Good progress is also being made on the expansion of the Caboolture Hospital: an extra 130 beds as well as other service facilities that are being constructed on the site. Most important for local residents is the extra car park that is being built. There will be a thousand parking spaces in the multistorey car park, bringing the total number of the car-parking spaces onsite to over 1,500, which is very important for a busy hospital in the Caboolture area.

I was also very excited to meet with the CEO of PCYC Queensland yesterday. He was able to share with me the plans for the new Caboolture PCYC, a very exciting project for the community. It is something which is showing cooperation between three levels of government. There is a contribution from the council, there is a contribution from the state government which follows an election commitment that I was able to achieve on behalf of the community, and there is a contribution from the federal government. The disappointing thing was that the Morrison government never tipped a cent into this project. It took an Albanese Labor government to provide funding for this project. PCYC have completed the plans. They are hoping to start construction this year and have the facility finished next year. It will be a good addition for our community.