




Speech By
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Pine Rivers Electorate

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (7.28 pm): It is wonderful to follow on from the member for Moggill who has just given a ringing endorsement to the Palaszczuk government for the amount of funding that is being provided into the Moggill electorate. Pine Rivers is a hubbub of activity and it is a pleasure to be able to update the House on the many important milestones currently happening in my community thanks to the Palaszczuk government.

Excitingly, our satellite hospital in Kallangur has reached practical completion and we are eagerly anticipating the official opening of this transformative community health infrastructure. It will provide a minor injury and illness clinic, oral health services, kidney dialysis, rehabilitation and older people's health services, and an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health hub. The community open day is happening this Sunday, 19 November from 10 am to 1 pm. Community members can tour the facilities, get informed about the services being delivered and enjoy the live entertainment and food trucks on site. I encourage all locals to come along and check out this tremendous facility.

Our Lawnton Ambulance Station has been progressing at a rate of knots. Located on the corner of Gympie Road and Station Road, the facility will provide a modern, accessible and more capable space for our first responders.

In Dayboro, the replacement police station is also reaching a milestone with the team relocating up to the local ambulance station and the tender for the contract being awarded. This facility will provide for a major facility to provide a regional response.

Road networks are also being upgraded throughout my community. Roadworks have commenced on the massive Eatons Crossing Road Safety upgrade, including safer intersections in 10 locations along Eatons Crossing Road, a new signalised intersection on Lilley Road and safety upgrades along the length of the road. The project also provides 4.7 kilometres of green infrastructure fencing, koala escape poles, fauna underpasses, eight LED koala signs and more. In this early phase of the project, there has been clearing of vegetation to allow for the widening of the road for road safety. For each tree that is removed, three trees will be planted. I look forward to updating the community on that work as it progresses, in conjunction with our local community environment groups. I thank commuters for their patience while the roadworks have been progressing. Works will be ongoing still for some time, given the scale and complexity of the project.

Finally, I congratulate all of our grade 12 students in this their final week of schooling and graduation this week. It has been an absolute pleasure to observe your schooling journey. I think I am starting to feel a little bit old, a little bit aged by it all, because I have watched them grow from such a young age, but—

Mr MADDEN: You were young once.

Ms BOYD: I was young once. It has been a pleasure to observe your schooling journey and to get to know many of you. You have done our community proud, and I look forward to following your future endeavours as we continue to make our community an even better place.