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Caboolture PCYC

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Community Safety) (6.09 pm): With the Miles government's Community Safety Plan for Queensland, we are continuing to invest in the front line but also in intervention and prevention services. I want to talk about a couple of intervention and prevention investments that are being made in the Caboolture region. I am very proud and pleased to see another milestone in the redevelopment of the Caboolture PCYC. This is a significant investment in community safety and is also an opportunity for young people in the Morayfield state electorate.

It has been a long march though. It has taken a number of years to get to this point. We first had to secure funding from three levels of government to secure the land. I want to particularly acknowledge the Albanese Labor government which has contributed \$10 million towards this project. One reason it has taken so long to get this project underway is the previous coalition government did not put any money into this project. They made big noises about it but they did not actually pay any money towards the project. It took an Albanese Labor federal government to get the money delivered for this project.

In total it is a \$17.5 million new PCYC for Caboolture. It is built on land next to the Caboolture Police Station right in the middle of town, providing great connections for young people and great partnership opportunities for the Queensland Police Service. The project will be a massive facility with space for community activities, events, group fitness and gym classes, gymnastic events, boxing and basketball, with accessible and inclusive access and activities for all members of the community.

The first sod has been turned. I was very pleased to join the mayor and the federal minister alongside the CEO of PCYC Queensland, Phil Schultz, last month to turn the sod on this brand new facility for the Caboolture region. Construction will probably take about 12 months and it will support 103 jobs. That puts into context the significance and the scale of this project. It also follows the investment that we are supporting with PCYC Queensland's transition to their back-to-basics PCYC model, which is seeing more and more after-hours activities available for young people in the community. After-hours boxing is back. After-hours basketball is back. There is midnight basketball and activities in the community. I am very pleased to see that the Caboolture PCYC supports after-hours drop-ins at Dickson Park, Morayfield, on Thursday nights, which is tonight. They have also opened up opportunities on Wednesday nights at the PCYC itself. They are bringing in boxing every second Saturday.