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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (6.16 pm): It is my pleasure to rise and talk about the state seat of Coomera on the northern Gold Coast. In the time since we last met we have seen the best of times and, some would say, the worst of times on the northern Gold Coast, as alluded to by the member for Theodore yesterday evening. We have seen confirmation of the Police Citizens Youth Club land thanks very much to Mark Hamill, division 1 councillor, and Mayor Tom Tate, who moved a special mayoral minute at the last meeting prior to the election to ensure that that land was locked away. We have seen new Australian citizens take the oath of allegiance on 26 January, meaning growth to the more than 53,000 electors on the northern Gold Coast and something like 97,000 residents. We have seen confirmation of the imminent delivery of a new bus to Esuarve, who work with youth on the northern Gold Coast and further afield, by the Rotary Club of Ormeau-Pimpama. That is happening on 20 February at six o'clock down at the Pimpama City Tavern. All members are welcome. Come on down. It will be a great night.

We also saw the Christmas Day tornado and the new year floods. They were terrible weather events. In 25 years I have never seen anything like it. They were challenges, to say the least. Sadly, a life was lost, as the member for Theodore mentioned last evening. It brought the best out of our local community. The community spirit was there. Wongawallan Drive seemed hardest hit of all of the roads. I am sure the member for Theodore would argue with that. It was amazing to see that in just four hours on Boxing Day the whole of the road had been cleared by the residents. It is hard to believe that they managed to do that. I spoke to many people, but one man comes to mind. He had a tree go right through the middle of his house. He told me that it was fortunate it did not keep going, because there was a 12-year-old girl sleeping in the house below that tree. He said what most people I spoke to said: 'We were luckier than others. There are a lot of other people out there who are really doing it tough.' There were people who had lost the roof off their house. The community spirit prevailed. I thank Energex, the SES, our rural fires, police and all the other helpers who assisted us in that time of need on the northern Gold Coast.