




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR NICKLIN

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Nicklin Electorate

 **Mr SKELTON** (Nicklin—ALP) (9.34 pm): Lest we forget, I agree. I am proud to rise as a member of the Miles Labor government and am proud of what it has done for the Sunshine Coast. Since being elected as the member for Nicklin, I am proud to say that the community has benefited from having so many things happen. Since 2020, we have seen the \$301 million Maroochydore Road interchange upgrade, making it easier for my constituents to commute to the coast. We have started work on the \$1 billion B2N rail duplication project and Sunshine Coast direct rail. The \$86.2 million Nambour Hospital redevelopment is providing better health services for the Sunshine Coast. I was pleased to have the Premier there recently looking at our amazing emergency department.

There is the new multipurpose hall we are building at Yandina State School as well as car parks and a new playground. This is in addition to the new \$19.6 million administration and general learning building at Yandina State School which I look forward to opening later this month with Minister Farmer. There is \$17.4 million for the Performing Arts Centre of Excellence at Burnside State High School, as well as classroom refurbishments. There are new classrooms, accessibility upgrades and a tuckshop renovation at Nambour State College. There is \$11.9 million for the new hall at Noosa District State High School.

We have air-conditioned every classroom, funded school breakfasts, started the school-based GP program and delivered an entirely new primary, secondary and special school at Palmview. We have increased funding for the STEM program at Burnside. We have supported education on the Sunshine Coast with the introduction of free TAFE and free kindy—amazing programs allowing people to study more and gain access to better employment opportunities.

The \$9 million Nambour Police Station ensures our local officers are well looked after. There is another \$4.9 million for the new police station in Cooroy, built in consultation with the community and sadly on the retirement of the wonderful OIC, Senior Sergeant Mal Scott. We have provided more funding for mobile police beats, body worn cameras and protective equipment and delivered more police personnel—unlike those opposite, who sacked officers and made them pay for their own equipment.

I have delivered clubhouse or lighting upgrades for the Hinterland Blues and Palmwoods Hawks, the Nambour Crushers, the Yandina Cricket Club, the Nambour Yandina United FC, the Palmwoods Warriors, the Yandina Bowls Club, the Nambour Bowls Club and the Cooroora United FC. We have recently announced \$2.7 million to upgrade the Cooroy Sports Complex. There is \$350,000 for equestrian upgrades and a new long jump pit for little athletics.

We have provided local public and social housing and also youth housing at IFYS Old Church. I am immensely proud of this state government—doing what matters for Queensland and getting the job done for the Sunshine Coast.