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 **Mr BAILLIE** (Townsville—LNP) (9.15 pm): I rise to share some great news for the Palm Island community. For the first time in seven years, new social housing has been delivered on Palm Island. Ten modular homes arrived on Palm Island this month, with final site works underway to prepare them for handover to community members. These homes form part of the Crisafulli government's commitment to deliver more than 53,000 new social homes across Queensland, including at least 1,200 in First Nations communities. I would like to acknowledge the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council for working with us to make this project a success. I want to commend Mayor Alf Lacey for his advocacy as he knows what secure housing means for Palm Island families.

Last week I had the honour of visiting year 5 students at Belgian Gardens State School who are aspiring to be year 6 leaders in 2026. It was fantastic to meet the students, who had some great questions and were eager to learn about leadership roles. I would like to thank the students for inviting me to speak with them, along with some former school leaders, and wish all of our future leaders the best of luck as they enter their application process.

Townsville continues to punch above its weight as the events capital of the north. Today we learned that American singer Jelly Roll will perform at Queensland Country Bank Stadium in November, joining Pink, The Killers and Elton John, as major stars continue to visit our city. This is a boost for local businesses and a reward for the community campaign that helped secure the concert.

This week, of course, the 18th Magnetic Island Race Week kicks off—a world-class sailing event that brings competitors from across Australia and overseas, further establishing Townsville as the place to sail ahead of the 2032 games.

Sport is an important part of life in North Queensland. That is why I was proud to be joined by the Minister for Sport and Racing earlier this month to announce that we are delivering \$4 million to upgrade the Townsville Sports Precinct, including upgraded lighting for the red track and air conditioning for the multipurpose centre, which was built only a couple of years ago with zero community consultation and no air conditioning. Who would build a new sports centre in North Queensland with no air conditioning! It is very quiet opposite. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community and sports groups for raising this issue with me and for supporting my campaign, which resulted in a great outcome for our community.

Finally, it is finals season in Townsville. I wish the best of luck to all of our local teams competing in their respective finals series in soccer, netball, AFL, Rugby League, hockey and all of the other sports enjoyed by our community. This weekend we will see the best of our local Rugby Union talent in the TDRU grand finals, and next weekend Townsville will be host to the Wallabies as they take on Argentina. Of course, as the Cowboys face the Broncos on Saturday, I want to finish with an enthusiastic 'Go Cowboys!'