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Miss DOOLAN (Pumicestone—LNP) (2.52 pm): It has been an exceptionally busy few weeks across Pumicestone. I am excited to talk about our recently launched Pumicestone Business Excellence Awards. These awards celebrate the dedication, innovation and resilience of local small businesses and highlight the incredible talent and hard work that underpin our community. Among the standout entries, I am particularly delighted to mention the Coastal Pest Control Group and the Sandstone Point Veterinary Surgeons, who have received a large amount of nominations in multiple categories. Their exceptional service and commitment to our community exemplify what these awards are all about.

Recognising such outstanding businesses not only highlights their success but also strengthens our local economy by increasing their visibility and connecting them with new opportunities. I say to my community: remember, nominations are still open but will close on 15 April, so if you have not nominated a business yet head to my website. We also have our first brewing business networking event with special guest minister Andrew Powell, a casual catch-up where local business owners and professionals come together to network. This will be taking place at the Bribie RSL on 24 April. I am very much looking forward to it.

In addition to celebrating local business success, it is equally exciting to see the Bribie Island Road upgrade in progress. This much needed project aims to improve transportation for our growing community by duplicating lanes from Old Toorbul Point Road to just east of Saint Road. Moreover, the installation of traffic lights at Volz Road and Browns Road will enhance both safety and traffic flow, ensuring smoother commutes for everyone.

We owe thanks to Terry Young, the federal member for Longman, who played a crucial role in securing \$20 million in federal funding for this project back in 2021. His efforts have not gone unnoticed. The Crisafulli LNP government is pushing this project forward because we know how to get the job done. With work already underway, including early vegetation clearing, every effort is being made to minimise environmental impact while enhancing our local infrastructure across the electorate. This project not only represents a significant improvement in our daily commutes but also reflects our commitment to safety and efficiency within the community.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming the Minister for Health, Tim Nicholls, to the Bribie Island Satellite Health Centre, where he reaffirmed the Crisafulli LNP government's commitment to improving health access in our community. Minister Nicholls met with locals Roxy and Kim, who enjoy a quick, two-minute commute to work, and Geraldine, who is benefiting from the new cancer care service. This service offers low-risk chemotherapy and supportive treatments and allows patients to receive care closer to home, avoiding long trips to distant hospitals. I am proud that our government is expanding and delivering much needed healthcare services to our community. We remain dedicated to supporting the wellbeing of Pumicestone residents.