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 **Miss DOOLAN** (Pumicestone—LNP) (2.35 pm): I rise with great enthusiasm and excitement for the small businesses of Pumicestone with today being the start of Queensland Small Business Month. We have announced our finalists for the Pumicestone Business Excellence Awards and, after an overwhelming response, I want to congratulate some of the businesses that are in the running for Business of the Year—All About Jerky, Poolwerx Bribie Island, Bongaree Bubbles and Clips, Annie Lane, the Gleaming Guys, Sandstone Point Veterinary Surgery, the Black Cat Eatery, Bongaree News & Computer Services and Bongaree Pet Food. I look forward to seeing the owners, employees and family members of these businesses, along with reps from the more than 150 other businesses that are finalists across other categories, at the awards night on 27 May at the Sandstone Point Hotel. I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our small businesses across the electorate that work hard every day to contribute to our local economy and provide the goods and services that we all appreciate.

I am also excited to announce the launch of Pumicestone's Youth Voice—a platform for young people aged 16 to 21 to engage in our community, work alongside me to run events supporting local organisations and provide advice on how we can create more opportunities for young people in our area. If you are a young person and you want to create positive change in your community, this is perfect for you. We have already received many applications and I look forward to seeing even more come in.

Speaking of young people, I am proud to be supporting the Harrison Payne Initiative—a not-for-profit organisation created in memory of young Harrison Payne, who tragically lost his life on Woorim Beach. The initiative aims to create change around beach safety, four-wheel-drive safety and road safety while also providing support to families who have experienced similar tragedies. I am working alongside Harrison's parents, Kylie and Kent, and Minister Mickelberg to find new ways to educate young people about the dangers of driving on beaches. I look forward to updating the House in the near future on what we have achieved.

Minister Mickelberg and I are getting on with the job. To me and the Crisafulli government, a new bridge for Bribie Island is not an election promise that we wheel out every four years; it is a commitment to my local community to get them home sooner and safer. Last week the minister visited Pumicestone to announce the business case summary for the new Bribie Island bridge. This business case is a commitment to building the next generation of infrastructure in our community—on time and on budget—to make good on the promises that we made at the last election to ensure our community has faith in our government to deliver our community's priorities and address local concerns. I look forward to continuing my work with Minister Mickelberg and the whole government to deliver a new bridge, because under Labor the Bribie Island bridge was just a pipedream.