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 **Miss DOOLAN** (Pumicestone—LNP) (2.09 pm): I rise to speak about the enduring legacy of Harrison Payne, an inspirational young man whose life was tragically cut short in May 2021 at just 18 years old. Harry lost his life in a four-wheel drive crash on Woorim Beach, a place he loved deeply and where he spent so much of his time. In recent weeks, the Ocean Beach Access Track at Woorim has officially been renamed the Harrison Payne Track, with new signage now proudly installed. This change, unanimously supported by Moreton Bay Regional Council last month, is more than a name; it is a powerful tribute to Harry's bright spirit, his passion for the outdoors and his leadership among young local people.

On Saturday, 16 November, our community will come together to officially celebrate this renaming, joined by those who partnered with and supported the Payne family through the Harrison Payne Initiative. It will be a day of remembrance, unity and pride for all who have helped honour Harry's legacy. I thank Mayor Peter Flannery, division 1 councillor Brooke Savige and my colleague Minister Brent Mickelberg for this important tribute. I was honoured to lend my voice to the Payne family's request, and I know the community stands proudly behind them.

Last month I was also pleased to host a Dementia Morning Tea with Leah Keating, joined by Dovidia in-home care, Jodie Doe from the Bribie Dementia Chit-Chat Group and Velan Health. It was a reminder of the importance of community connection and awareness for those living with dementia and their families. I was also delighted to tour the new precinct at the Bribie Island Neighbourhood Centre alongside Cecilia and her team, whose commitment to providing safe, inclusive and supportive spaces for locals is absolutely invaluable.

Another highlight was the success of the Destiny Rescue fundraising event at the Bribie RSL which brought together people across Pumicestone to help combat child exploitation and restore hope to vulnerable young lives. Our community spirit was also on full display at Dragonfest 2025, hosted by the Pumicestone Dragon Boat Club. Congratulations to the organisers for another vibrant celebration of culture, sport and togetherness along the Bribie foreshore.

Finally, I want to congratulate the latest recipients of my Brighter Future grants: Shane Fixter from the Pumicestone Passage Pirates; Nicole Jenkins, who will be bringing astronomy to Bribie; the Bribie Island Community Kindergarten; and local cheerleading champion Lacie, whose energy and determination inspire us all. A special mention goes to one of our past recipients, five-year-old motorsport prodigy Leo Melia from Beachmere, who has just been signed by Parolin Australia as a factory development driver on a multiyear contract, making him one of the youngest in the world to achieve this title. Leo's future looks bright and so does that of Pumicestone.