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 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Theodore—LNP) (9.29 pm): Anzac Day is a watershed moment in our nation's history. This day symbolises the anniversary of the first significant military action undertaken by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. It serves as a reminder of the bravery and sacrifice demonstrated by our service men and women. I have previously spoken in this chamber about the relocation of the Maudsland dawn service from the Coomera CWA hall to Cliff Bird Park. As part of the Crisafulli government's commitment, we have allocated \$500,000 to construct a new cenotaph at Cliff Bird Park and undertake additional works at the Tallowood Park cenotaph. This investment underscores our dedication to honour our veterans by providing a dignified space for remembrance.

Geoff Benson, a local veteran, has been the heart and soul of the dawn service in Maudsland for the past 18 years. He has recently met with the Gold Coast City council officers and Councillor Peter Young to discuss the layout and design of the new memorial. I am grateful for Geoff's leadership and I am pleased to report that the Gold Coast City council officers will begin the design works based on his vision. In addition, council officers will collaborate with the Coomera Valley Rotary Club to further enhance the Tallowood Park cenotaph, building on the extensive works already undertaken by the department of Main Roads.

I also want to express my gratitude to residents who supported the petition to modify the 725 bus service. This petition requests that the bus service be extended to include streets such as Brygon Creek Drive, Ghostgum Grove, Lauren Grove and Riverbrooke Drive, thereby providing a service for residents from the Seachange Lifestyle Resort, Palm Lake Resort Upper Coomera and the Regis Magnolia aged-care facility. I give special thanks to Kevin Holman for his strong advocacy on this issue.

Finally, as fire season is almost upon us, especially with the recent dry period we have had in South-East Queensland, it is now time for residents to prepare their properties for the upcoming fire season. Please, take the time to clear debris from your roofs and gutters and clean up your yards to make sure your house is fire safe. Also, please ensure that your driveways are safe for rural fire brigade trucks to traverse. That is an issue we constantly see. You need to keep your driveways clean to ensure Rural Fire Service volunteers can get to your property safely.