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Coomera Electorate

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.45 pm): It is my pleasure to rise to provide a bit of an update on a few things that are happening on the northern Gold Coast, the fastest growing electorate in the state of Queensland, with a population of well over 110,000 and around 55½ thousand voters as we speak. On 30 June 2025 the bus stop for the Halcyon Greens service No. 732 was finally delivered. It could have been delivered last term, it could have been delivered when the rest of the bus stops were delivered, but they just went straight past Halcyon Greens. There are 1,000 people living there. The nearest bus stop either way was more than 900 metres away. It was absolutely ridiculous not to have a bus stop there, but we have fixed that.

How is this: the first post office on the eastern side of the M1 between the Albert and Logan river systems and the Coomera River was opened on 4 July. It is absolutely amazing. We fought hard for it. Les Hargreaves, one of the locals, was championing that one, and we finally delivered it on 4 July.

We have had the last coffee with Crando and Leafey, as Senior Sergeant Michael Leafe is leaving us. He has been the officer in charge at Pimpama station since the beginning, which was a few years ago. We fought hard to have that station built. He was the very first senior sergeant there. He has been promoted to inspector and he is taking up his new role as Inspector, Protective Services Group, based in Brisbane. We thank Michael Leafe for his wisdom and the way he managed the area. We wish him all the best in his new role.

The average age of the Coomera electorate is growing organically, with the GemLife over-50s village growing at a very fast rate in Pimpama. There are hundreds of new residents moving in, and they are not the young people and their children whom we have been used to in the past. Everyone knows that we have more than 20,000 kids going to school and 60 childcare centres in the northern Gold Coast. All of those were great and kept the average age down, but GemLife is now there. I had the pleasure of opening some magnificent new facilities at GemLife and they are nothing short of absolutely spectacular.

Finally, we are getting close now to opening the Pimpama train station, which was promised in 2017 by those opposite. We are opening it in 2025. Of course, we are not very far away from the opening of the Coomera Connector stage 1 north, which is 10 months ahead of expectations.