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Pacific Pines Power AFL Club

Mr BOOTHMAN (Theodore—LNP) (9.37 pm): I rise tonight to talk about one of the wonderful AFL clubs in my electorate, Pacific Pines Power AFL Club, very proudly known as Pac Power. The club has a lot to celebrate in 2026. One of the most significant milestones, which the club has been fighting for for a long time, is funding for a new clubhouse facility. After years of advocacy, planning and persistence by the committee, funds have been locked in from the Crisafulli government. These funds recognise the enormous effort and diversity of this wonderful club. The club has seen a massive increase in female AFL player numbers, and they definitely need their own dedicated change rooms. With this money, along with money from the Gold Coast City council through Councillor Peter Young, we will build a fully kitted out $2 million facility at this club. This will make a huge difference for the players, the volunteers and the coaches and bring about better outcomes for all.

President Robby Comfort has been instrumental in ensuring this came to fruition. He has never wavered in his dedication to get this funding for the club. We should call him the $2 million man because he was the person who was determined to ensure that this club, the best AFL club on the Gold Coast, got the facilities they desperately need. To prove how great a club they are, the under-15 girls were the premiers this year. They have also been expanding their masters teams with their first masters men's team and are continuing their success with the Girls Footy Festival. With the contribution from the Crisafulli government, which will make a huge difference for this club, this club will have a fantastic year in 2027 when they welcome all these new facilities.

I would like to say thank you to my local rural fire brigades for all their efforts in recent times. I congratulate Max Pearce on being nominated and being successful in becoming the Rural Fire Service Queensland Volunteer of the Year and Keira Danziger for being awarded the State Young Volunteer of the Year.