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 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Albert—LNP) (9.09 pm): The day 25 April is a day in which all Australians take great pride, a day when we remember all those who served our nation, who have suffered and who continue to suffer due to war. From the Boer War to Afghanistan, we as a nation will never forget those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The younger generation has taken up the chalice of remembrance, which is clearly demonstrated in our schools. As a parliamentary representative, I am very proud to see the passion of the next generation in remembering all those who have served and sacrificed for our nation. I was genuinely honoured to participate in many ceremonies of reflection. I wish to thank those students at Windaroo Valley State High School for their outstanding ceremony and also the students of Coomera Springs State School. Coomera Springs State School is especially blessed, simply because of their very special music teacher, who is also a major in the Army Reserve. Gabrielle Raffin brings military precision to every school event with which she is involved. The principal of Coomera Springs State School, Martine Gill, would certainly endorse my comments saying, 'She is a key member of the school's community.' I would also like to mention the wonderful services on Anzac Day that the Beenleigh RSL and the Coomera Rotary Club held. I also mention the RSL President, David Draper, and his team for putting together their fantastic services and also President Des Lacy from the Coomera Valley Rotary Club.

On a different topic, I would like to inform the House of some Safer Roads Sooner funding which will correct a very dangerous section of the Tamborine-Oxenford Road nears Hayes Road. There is a 600-metre length of road that needs upgrading. This upgrade will include improvements to the horizontal geometry in combination with improved superelevations and transitions to reduce the likelihood and severity of crashes. That is something for which I have been fighting for a long time and it is great to see that coming to fruition.

I would also like to congratulate the Coomera Hope Island Cricket Club on their outstanding victory for their under 12s and under 15s winning their premiership. Recently, we were successful in obtaining a gambling grant of \$28,500 for them so that they could build a nice covered area. It is fantastic that on the day they were able to use their new covered area to celebrate their premiership win. It is a great club. I say to Matt, the president of that cricket club, that he has a great team and a great base on which to build the next generation of cricket stars. I say: good on you, Matt.