

when cabinet met in Hervey Bay. We walked across it. We are getting the result now, with plans being drawn to lift this road to flood-proof Toogoom. They are just some of the things happening.

When you go outside Maryborough and drive out to Aldershot on the way to Howard and Torbanlea, you see the roadworks on the Bruce Highway. As I have said in this House many times, you know you are doing a good job when people come up to you and say, 'Can you cut the roadworks out, brother. Can you calm it down for a while.' Unlike the member for Buderim, who is always whingeing, we are welcoming the road network and road upgrades in the Maryborough electorate.

The other thing happening in the electorate is with TransLink. We had the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program people in the electorate for two weeks. What a great team from TMR and TransLink. They engaged with my people, and they engaged with the people of Torbanlea. They were at the Howard markets, the Maryborough markets and the shopping centre, explaining and telling people about this great program that is coming to the Fraser Coast and the Maryborough electorate. This is a great train building program. I know it is foreign to the members on the other side to build things in this state. We know that. They do not understand that. If they were in power, that TMR and TransLink team would have been overseas talking about where to build the trains, but they were in my electorate talking to the people there. That was really good engagement with the public.

Another thing happening in the wonderful electorate of Maryborough is the upgrade to the fire station. The first timber fire station in Queensland is nearly finished. The trees were grown and manufactured in the Maryborough electorate, and we have got a great fire station. Another thing that is happening is we are doing the final plans for the new railway station. The Palaszczuk government is investing again in regional Queensland. The minister is here, and we are looking at the new railway station at Maryborough West. The other thing is that ward 1 at the Maryborough Hospital was reopened by the Palaszczuk Labor government. It is fully staffed and fully looked after. This Labor government looks after regional Queensland.

### Stein, Mr G

 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (2.18 pm): I want to pay tribute to a true local hero, George Stein, Holocaust survivor and icon of Brisbane's Jewish community who sadly passed away on 18 April, aged 95. Born in Romania in 1927, he grew up in Oradea where his father was president of a synagogue. With the town falling to Hungary under the Nazis, the family was transported to Auschwitz in 1943. Sadly, it was the last time he saw his parents and his sister.

Whilst in an inspection line, George was separated from his family and sent to the Dora labour camp at Nordhausen, Germany, where Hitler's V-2 rockets were being produced. He was among those ordered to build rocket componentry, including the gyros which were part of the flight navigation system. At huge personal risk, George set about recalibrating these guidance systems in order for the V-2 rockets to miss heavily populated areas and to crash harmlessly at sea. George informed me over lunch in Parliament House that if he was to be caught doing this, the punishment was death by SS firing squad immediately. Although George never stated it to me, his actions would have undoubtedly saved countless hundreds of lives in England where the V-2 rockets were headed towards.

After the Dora labour camp was destroyed by allied forces, George Stein was among survivors transferred to Bergen-Belsen and later liberated by the British. After time at a resettlement camp at Admont in the Austrian Alps, George Stein began his journey home, but was told by a Russian occupant his house was no longer his.

Returning to Admont, he met Gertrude Kager and they were married for over 60 years until her passing in 2006. The Steins immigrated to Australia in 1955, joining family in Brisbane where he established a mechanical repair business.

George Stein became a foundation member of B'nai B'rith and was president of Brisbane Chevra Kadisha, State Zionist Council of Queensland and South Brisbane shule. When the shule was devastated by fire in the early 1970s he spearheaded a reconstruction appeal. He lectured on the Shoah at schools and service clubs, and he was absolutely a pillar of support to many in his particular community.

Aside from his community involvement, George's commanding stature as a Holocaust survivor and his dedication will never be forgotten with his enduring legacy.

In a speech I gave in Parliament in September 2016, after hosting George for lunch, George was present in the public gallery and I described him as—and I quote from my past words—'the living

embodiment of all that is good in mankind, while staring down a dark time in history which displayed the absolute worst example of mankind.'

Vale, George Stein. We will never forget the lessons of the Holocaust. I will never forget the privilege of meeting you.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Thank you, member. I add my condolences to that. The community ended up in the electorate of Greenslopes, as you know.

### Satellite Hospitals

 **Ms KING** (Pumicestone—ALP) (2.22 pm): I add my condolences as well. Queensland's satellite hospital program is absolutely world-leading. It has generated huge interest and enthusiasm in the communities of Pumicestone. In 2020 the Premier came to Bribie to announce seven new satellite hospitals for South-East Queensland. These seven satellite hospitals, we know, will give Queenslanders more health care closer to home, they will take pressure off major hospitals and they will make space for more beds.

**Mrs Gerber**: How many emergency beds will it have?

**Ms KING**: I take that interjection from the member for Currumbin who does not seem very pleased to see key healthcare infrastructure being built in—

**Mrs Gerber** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER**: Member for Currumbin will cease your interjections.

**Ms KING**: Chemotherapy, dialysis, mental health and rehab support right in the heart of their communities. Local residents in Pumicestone will have access to not one but two satellite hospitals, with one to be built at Bribie and another at Caboolture. Less than a year after the initial announcement, intensive planning was well progressed and all seven sites were identified. I was delighted to be part of the sod-turning ceremony that kicked off construction at the Caboolture site at Rowe Street.

Queensland company Hutchinson Builders will be the managing contractor for these key infrastructure projects. Hutchinson has vast experience to ensure that they are delivered on time and on budget. Locally, the projects are creating 202 construction jobs across the two sites throughout the build and that is not even counting the hospital doctors, hospital nurses and support staff that will be employed on those sites once they open.

It took slightly longer due to our local land shortages, but when the Bribie Island site was identified, the Department of Health conducted extensive community consultation and I also conducted my own community survey to hear firsthand what services Bribie locals want most.

Urgent care and chronic health services like dialysis and chemotherapy are top priorities for our community, and many Bribie residents currently travel long distances to access those services, so getting this care closer to home, right in the heart of our community, will make a great difference to their lives.

Very soon we will see construction start on our Bribie Island satellite hospital, on the 1.5 hectare site on the corner of First Avenue and Goodwin Drive, right next door to Bribie Island High. Once the satellite hospital opens, having a brand new satellite hospital there will give high school students the opportunity to explore pathways into health care and help us grow our own local workforce.

Planning and preparation for this key infrastructure project takes time and we absolutely have to get it right, but, like everyone in our community, I cannot wait to see the workers on site at Bribie and our state of the art satellite hospital take shape. That is in stark contrast to those opposite who did not plan for a single new hospital, they do not back our healthcare system, and they do not invest in it.

### Darling Downs, Hospital

 **Mr WATTS** (Toowoomba North—LNP) (2.25 pm): I am here today to talk about getting the community of Toowoomba and the wider community of the Darling Downs to support building the new hospital in Toowoomba. It needs to be built now. This has been on the table for some time. The Deputy Premier visited in 2018 and said, 'No matter where you live in the Darling Downs region, you will have access to high quality health care.' That is what he said.

We have \$7.5 million being spent to send half-blind pensioners down to Brisbane to get their cataract operations. It is not good enough for the people of the Darling Downs and we deserve the new hospital. There is a wonderful site at Baillie Henderson. The plans are in place. The government has