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 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (2.52 pm): I am sure that I do not need to remind everyone in this place of my passion and commitment to baysiders. I am so proud to represent the wonderful community of Lytton in this place. I have committed to work hard to ensure that we baysiders have access to services, including decent, free public health services and a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week GP service. When I stood for election in 2015 I made a commitment to baysiders to ensure that decent, local public health services would be retained and that front-line services, including a 24-hour GP service, would be retained in the bayside.

I have spoken often in this place about how proud I am to be part of the Palaszczuk Labor government—a government that listens and a government that delivers, unlike those opposite. Our community lost so much under the hands of the former LNP government, including, but sadly not limited to, important health services, including the Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit which was home to 85 resident who all lost their homes due to the cut, sack and sell mentality of the former LNP government. Baysiders sent a strong message at that election—a message that was listened to—that baysiders deserve free, local public health. That is why I am standing here today.

I love having the opportunity to talk about the bayside community. Today, I am particularly delighted to be wishing Gundu Pa, the Wynnum Manly Community Health Centre, a very happy first birthday. It seems just yesterday that the Premier, the former minister for health, Cameron Dick, Aunty Merle Dipple and I opened our fabulous new health centre. How time has flown. It is hard to believe that our fantastic health centre has been providing important health services to baysiders for 12 months now, cementing itself as a provider of important and outstanding health services to locals. In fact, up to the end of September the 24-hour GP style clinic has had more than 13,330 presentations through the doors. The specialist clinics combined with BreastScreen have seen over 31,000 local baysiders.

I was fortunate to visit Gundu Pa last week and to see the outstanding clinics and the work that happens each and every day in this modern, state-of-the-art public health facility. To the staff I say: each of you do unbelievable work; you are committed to caring for the health and wellbeing of baysiders. This is clear from the positive feedback that I have received from the community about BreastScreen, the oral health service, the many specialist clinics and the 24-hour primary care clinic. We did deliver these. I say to these services: thank you for your professionalism. Thank you for your commitment to the health of baysiders. Your contribution has ensured the success of Gundu Pa.