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Mr CRANDON (Coomera—LNP) (2.30 pm): Community spirit is alive and well in the state seat of Coomera. Ormeau Lions is a longstanding community organisation. The brand-new Ormeau-Pimpama Rotary club is still in its infancy and just gathering the numbers needed to be formally made a Rotary club. I mention the Ormeau Business Breakfast. Nicole Hintz has been running that event for 12 or 13 years. It grows every month that it meets. I think there were something like 45 people at the last event. Nicole also runs the carols by candlelight together with Highway Christian Church, the Great Easter Egg Hunt and the My Ormeau Facebook page. Nicole is a real stalwart of the community.

Just the other day Dave Mayo came to my office together with his wife and daughter to enjoy some morning tea to celebrate his 50 years service as a justice of the peace. He told me a very interesting story about how you became a justice of the peace 50 years ago. It was not just a matter of filling out a form; you had to be nominated by a member of parliament, and each member of parliament could nominate only a certain number of people each year.

Amongst all of that, something is undermining our community. Earlier the member for Noosa spoke about pill testing and the dangers of illicit drugs. The scourge of illicit drugs is a major issue across our communities. I am proud to say that I am now a proud ambassador of AAIC, the Australian Anti Ice Campaign. The Australian Anti Ice Campaign is being run by individuals who were addicted to ice. They are fighting—working with our young people, working in our schools—to do all they can to stop the scourge of ice being transmitted to our young people. The son of the principal of one of my schools became addicted to ice. Now he is free from ice, thanks to AAIC. Their catchcry is NEO, 'not even once'. Pill testing does not cut it when it comes to ice. We should support them.