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 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (3.18 pm): Baysiders always stand together, even more so during COVID. We have taken care of each other and our frontline workers. The police, health workers, teachers, truckies and wharfies have all turned up to work. So far, 65.5 per cent of baysiders are fully vaccinated, including my family and I. However, time is running out. We need to make sure that we push up those numbers. Some age groups, such as the 60s and over, again including myself, are sitting at around 80 per cent fully vaccinated while our 20- to 29-year-olds are sitting at 43 per cent, which is a bit low. If you have not had your first dose or need your second dose, I encourage you to drop into one of the many pharmacies, GPs, vaccination hubs or Wynnum State High School on 13 November.

Last weekend at Wynnum State High School, 213 baysiders rolled up their sleeves for the vaccine. Today from 4 pm to 7 pm Yulu-Burri-Ba in Edith Street are encouraging our First Nations people to step up for the jab. There will be music, haircuts and lots of giveaways.

Tomorrow is World Teachers' Day. My son, Callum, and my sister, Maureen, are teachers, and I acknowledge the great work of all teachers. I thank teachers and school staff for stepping forward to continue to educate our young people during COVID.

On behalf of baysiders, I would also like to thank Dr Jeannette Young and the Hon. Paul de Jersey. Both have served our state well. Last week we also farewelled another Wynnum great—Wynnum North stationmaster Cheryl Hughes. Last week we surprised her with a send-off after 40 years with Queensland Rail, 29 of them at Wynnum North station. Thanks, Cheryl.

I pride myself on my connection to my community. I listen to and work with them to ensure we have the services and infrastructure required to support our vibrant community. That is why I am really thrilled that Queensland Rail have installed a new boom gate at Lindum level crossing. Whilst it may not sound very exciting to everyone, it is to us baysiders. This is all part of the ongoing works to improve safety at the Lindum station precinct. The collaboration between all levels of government includes immediate road network upgrades and the installation of traffic lights at the intersection in 2022. I am really proud of my ongoing advocacy since 2015 to get something done at Lindum. This, combined with the station accessibility upgrade, will result in significant safety and traffic flow improvements at the precinct.

The ongoing beautification of Wynnum Central station has seen the opening of the flower gardens at the station. Working in collaboration with the Port of Brisbane, Wynnum Commerce Inc and Darling Point Special School, these gardens will provide a work experience opportunity for the students of Darling Point Special School who will be growing and maintaining the flowerbeds. There is also a wonderful mural with artwork by our local photographers on one of the walls of the building.

Manly train station is also undergoing pedestrian safety upgrades with a new pedestrian crossing, footpaths and a fabulous new bike cage which will provide secure housing for up to 40 bicycles, which is really great. It is improving active transport. This is all part of our community working together. Come on, baysiders—stay safe, don't wait, vaccinate.