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Angels Kitchen

 **Mr MOLHOEK** (Southport—LNP) (2.50 pm): Talking about people who are making a difference, I rise today to talk about the incredible work of Angels Kitchen in my electorate of Southport led by Tony Ludington and a wonderful team of volunteers. Every Monday or Tuesday I receive an email from them which updates me on the work of the weekend. I thought I would share a few excerpts from that email. It states—

Hi All

Team 2 on duty today. A good afternoon. Today everyone was kept busy, and all went smoothly. We had a few families come in today, and quite a few new people. Our family with the two children and pregnant mum, bought in their beautiful baby girl who was born at home one month ago, after they just returned from Angels Kitchen, a delightful family.

It is good to hear some good stories from time to time in the House. It goes on—

Huge thanks to those we serve ...—Rob at the door with the sanitiser—

It was not me; it was a different Rob—

Lauren on the bread, Sam on the sweets, Malcolm and Mark, and a new attendee, young Rueben who helped Roma with the clothes.

We have a new group who are going to go on the cooking roster, Arsha and her friends who have a Thai restaurant, and today bought in fried rice, curry puffs and other savoury delights, which went down a treat.

Stella came in to help and took the remaining bread to hand out.

It was a bountiful harvest from Oz Harvest, with a lot of—
additional food. It continues—

A big thanks to all of our drivers who bought in our items and took them back to the Benowa Logistics Hub.

Special thanks to—

Sharon and Brian, Gail, Sarah and Lily. A huge thank you!

I share this excerpt today to highlight the ongoing pressures and demands on our communities in respect of homelessness. This is not an issue that occurs in only my electorate of Southport, but it is an issue we are seeing more and more across the state. I raise it today to highlight the need for more supported accommodation and for more support from the government for the hundreds of volunteer groups across our state that provide these services.

Last Sunday afternoon the number of people they fed was 96, of which 69 were men and 27 were women. Interestingly, 38 of that group were homeless. A large number of those other people are people who live in the local area who are just struggling to get by. Being able to come into Angels Kitchen on a Sunday afternoon or evening for some groceries and food makes a big difference to those families. I just want to again say a huge thankyou to Tony Ludington, Kate Sullivan and some of the other volunteers who run this wonderful program in Southport.