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 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (2.03 pm): Brisbane's baysiders are caring and loving people. I am blessed not only to represent but also to live in such a compassionate community, where vulnerable people can access a range of services and help from many brilliant local community organisations. From St Pete's Pantry, Silky Oaks, the Y Hub, the Wynnum Baptist Church, Rosies and so many others, hundreds of dedicated volunteers across my community are changing lives with their food drives and support services. Thank goodness for these wonderful professional organisations and their volunteers.

I recently toured the Wynnum Baptist Church, whose industrial-sized kitchens, freezers and pantries can cater for hundreds of hungry baysiders. With their army of loving and well-trained volunteers and parishioners, they stand ready and able to serve the needy and the hungry. They provide a playgroup for their community and support for young families.

I am a regular volunteer and supporter of St Pete's Pantry. In fact, I dropped in just a fortnight ago to help a young man who was homeless and sleeping at the back of my electorate office in the car park. When I attended, there were 40 people at St Pete's Pantry enjoying a warm breakfast and a cuppa after a cold evening as well as a lot of nice social inclusion and access to a range of community services. There was a bus at the rear to give them the opportunity to wash and refresh their clothes. There was nothing but love and care given to those gathered and in need by the group of committed volunteers from across the community and all faith groups.

There is the YMCA Wynnum Community Hub, or the Y Hub as we like to call it, just across the road which has been proudly supported in Wynnum by the Queensland government since 2022. The Y Hub provides a magnificent range of services for everyone to connect and seek support. The Y Hub is open Monday to Friday in the Wynnum Community Place on Florence Street in Wynnum. Services include resources for housing, seniors, family and domestic violence in our community as well as food relief and emergency relief funding. I worked so hard to obtain funding for a community centre and I am thrilled to see the Y Hub's work and support. I am so proud of the highly professional staff and the management at the Y Hub. They continue to carry out their roles diligently and compassionately. They have a proven track record of supporting our most vulnerable in the bayside.

We live in a wonderful and caring community, and we can all have faith that these groups will continue to go above and beyond to meet the needs of those most vulnerable on the bayside. Truly, angels walk among us in the bayside.