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 **Mr HUTTON** (Keppel—LNP) (12.26 am): I rise tonight to highlight the special role played by three volunteer organisations in the community of Keppel this Christmas. Last week I had the opportunity to join with 100 Keppel locals who came together to enjoy the spirit of the season at the community centre. This organisation is the beating heart of our community and last month celebrated 35 years of operation. The staff and volunteers at this centre have over the last year invested in providing a community lunch once a month thanks to volunteer donations made to the centre. Unfortunately, the number of attendees at these lunches has increased month on month because Keppel locals are facing the challenges of the cost-of-living crisis. I offer my thanks to the staff, the volunteers and the donors who provided a ray of sunshine and a community connection for some of the most vulnerable in our community.

I also had the opportunity last week to visit the team at Food Relief Capricorn Coast. This community-driven project is helping families and working overtime to provide for people this Christmas. The last organisation I would like to acknowledge is the service of the men and women of Meals on Wheels. From sweets to the classic roast lamb, again and again these volunteers of Keppel are stepping up and providing a bit of Christmas cheer for those who need support this Christmas. I thank the brilliant volunteers of our community and communities across Queensland for their charity and service. Merry Christmas.