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Rosewood Craft and Quilters

 **Ms BOURNE** (Ipswich West—ALP) (9.06 pm): Tonight I rise to pay tribute to a remarkable community organisation that has stitched its way into the very fabric of Rosewood and the broader Ipswich region: Rosewood Craft and Quilters. This group began in the 1980s when just four ladies gathered around Joan Kim's kitchen table. What started as a simple act of friendship and creativity has evolved into a dedicated group of around 30 women who now meet every Wednesday from nine to one at the Rosewood Showgrounds Cultural Centre. Their hands are always busy quilting, crocheting, sewing scrubs and crafting with love, but it is their hearts that drive their work.

The list of where their generosity reaches is extraordinary. They provide quilts to the Children's Hospital, the dialysis unit, Cabanda Care home, Nolensville Home, the Ipswich hospice and many families struck by tragedy through fire and flood. They create angel quilts for stillborn babies, and every year they contribute 18 quilts to Rosewood's community Christmas hampers. Their compassion is practical and wideranging: crochet rugs made for people experiencing homelessness; placemats to brighten the meals delivered by Meals on Wheels; and scrubs sewn for our hardworking nurses at the Ipswich Hospital. They even provide \$200 every year to the Rosewood Fire Brigade to help fund Christmas lollies for local children. They never stop. Each year the group sets itself a new challenge, choosing a charity to support—from children's diabetes through their Easter raffle to brain tumour research and numerous other causes.

It is not a story about money or recognition but a story about community spirit, about 30 women who say, 'We love doing all of this and we love giving to our community.' When she was alive my mother was part of this amazing group of women. I thank the Rosewood Craft and Quilters group for their dedication, their creativity and their unwavering commitment to caring for others.

Tomorrow our communities will walk in support of Walk for Daniel. It was an important day today with the passing of Daniel's Law. I am proud to have supported this, despite what those on the opposite side would say. I would say to the member for Coomera: you do not know me at all. Everyone on this side of the House wants to ensure the safety and protection of our children across the state.