

SALVATION ARMY — BYFORD

Statement by Member for Darling Range

MRS A.K. HAYDEN (Darling Range) [12.53 pm]: I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those involved in the new Byford Salvos store, which I was extremely proud to officially open this morning. The purpose-built store was fully funded by the Salvation Army. All moneys raised through the store will go towards supporting and funding Salvation Army activities such as drug and alcohol rehabilitation centres, domestic violence programs and homelessness centres.

Sadly, there are many more families in need following the COVID-19 pandemic and the job losses that have resulted from it. These families will need all the support that we as a community can offer them. At this difficult time, I know that together, as usual, we will all rise to the occasion.

The Salvos store will also provide a place for local community engagement, as well as volunteering and employment opportunities. By shopping or donating at the store, our community will be not just supporting those in need, but also helping the environment by recycling preloved furniture, clothing and other items for others to enjoy, rather than going to landfill, like my DVD collection donated today. Congratulations to the Salvos on opening this fantastic new store, and welcome to Byford. In particular, I thank all the volunteers; the regional manager, Sean Burgess; the area manager, Amanda Robinson; and the store manager, Noa Pawa. They are going to do a great job, and I cannot wait to be part of their community.