



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Innisfail Show

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (9.51 am): The Innisfail Show will be held in July. I urge members to support it. I am hopeful of visiting the show. We are giving \$25,000 to the Innisfail and District Show Society to support it, and I seek leave to incorporate the rest of my ministerial statement in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The Show is an important social event for the people of Innisfail and the surrounding area, and is an opportunity for families to relax and celebrate their region.

But as we are all aware, 2006 has brought with it hardship for the people of Innisfail caused by devastation of Cyclone Larry, and the annual event looked set to suffer as a result.

Local businesses are hard pressed to provide funding for the show as they have in previous years, and in a move of community spirit the show organisers will offer free entry for children on both days.

I am pleased to announce that my government will provide a grant of \$25,000 to the Innisfail and District Show Society to ensure the people of Innisfail get to enjoy their Show this year.

Members of the Show Society have met with General Peter Cosgrove to talk about what is needed to make the 2006 event relaxing and entertaining, and this grant will be put towards entertainment and exhibits for the Show.

Mr Speaker, I fully support the show proceeding this year and will be making every effort to attend.

It will be held on the 13th and 14th of July and will go a long way in continuing to lift the spirit and morale of the communities affected by Cyclone Larry.