



Speech by


## Hon. Andrew Powell

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### GLASS HOUSE ELECTORATE

 **Hon. AC POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection) (2.40 pm): It is a great time of the year for the people in Glass House and it is great to see so much activity occurring in that fantastic electorate, and it is a real privilege to continue to represent the seat of Glass House. I do not know whether it is because it is the cooler time of the year, but there just seems to be an increase in activity at this time of year and it is wonderful to be a part of so many of the activities. I start by informing the House that for the third year running the Glass House Volunteer Awards were held, which is an opportunity for all community groups in the electorate to nominate an individual who goes above and beyond in terms of volunteering for our community. There are a fantastic number of community organisations, sporting organisations and environmental organisations in the electorate and a record 150 people attended the morning tea this year for the opportunity to acknowledge some 50-plus people for the volunteer efforts that they put into the local community.

It is also show season in the seat of Glass House. June sees four shows in four weeks. We kicked off with the Maleny Show followed by the Caboolture Show then the Nambour Show and we wrap up this week with the Woodford Show. Again, this is due to the tireless efforts of so many volunteers and I acknowledge all of the show societies in each of those locations for the hard work that they do and the many volunteers who make the judging, sideshow ally and all of the pavilions happen. It was great to get along to the judging of a few Show Girl and Show Princess evenings, and thank goodness I was not involved in the judging myself—far too hard a challenge! I am happy to leave that—

**Mr Johnson:** I'd be a better judge than you!

**Mr POWELL:** The member for Gregory would be a lot better judge, would he? I think he probably would, given some of the speeches I have heard him deliver in this chamber. I was also excited to be part of an open day at Bankfoot House, which is one of the heritage listed facilities in my electorate. It goes way back to the Cobb & Co. days. There was a time when travellers would stop off there on the way through to Gympie and it has been lovingly restored by the Friends of Bankfoot House. I acknowledge Ron Gillinder and his team. It was great to have the Governor present there again and for her to spend so much time with the families who are still linked to that original homestead—the Grigor family—and their many descendants. On that note and to conclude, it was also wonderful to be part of an activity with the Peachester Historical Society in officially naming the Beerwah-Kilcoy Road bridge over the Stanley River as Elizabeth Grigor Bridge. Elizabeth married one of the original settler's sons, William Grigor, and they opened a sawmill adjacent to this site. The Peachester Historical Society approached me some time ago about possibly officially naming the bridge. We managed to convince Transport and Main Roads and it was wonderful to be there with multiple generations of the Grigor family to officially unveil the naming of that bridge over the Stanley River. As I said, it is a fantastic time in Glass House. It is fantastic to be a part of it.