



Speech by


# Hon. Andrew Powell

MEMBER FOR GLASS HOUSE

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## GLASS HOUSE ELECTORATE

 **Hon. AC POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection) (2.33 pm): Madam Deputy Speaker, thank you for this opportunity to raise a number of matters that have recently occurred in the electorate of Glass House. Firstly, I want to thank all members in the chamber for participating on Tuesday in the Day for Daniel, albeit several days belatedly, by wearing red. It is a great acknowledgement by all members of this parliament of our support for Bruce and Denise Morcombe and for the work they continue to do on child safety awareness.

I also acknowledge that the Attorney-General, the Premier, the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing and the Speaker joined me last Friday in the walk for Daniel in my home town of Palmwoods. A total of 1,100 people turned up. It was great to see that sea of red again and the ongoing community support for the fantastic work the Morcombes do. I never ceased to be amazed by the resilience of that couple. As a father, I cannot begin to imagine what they have gone through. To see them turn it into such a positive for not only our community of Palmwoods—

**Mr Johnson** interjected.

**Mr POWELL:** I take that interjection from the member for Gregory. It is great to see this government getting on board with the message the Morcombes are trying to send.

On the weekend I participated in another great event, this time to raise money for the lung cancer foundation. We have a wonderful constituent, Dr Peter Oliver, who has probably well and truly exceeded everyone's expectations in his battle with this terminal illness. As is now an annual tradition, my Celebrity 11 get-together against the Maleny Maulers in an over-30s game of cricket. I am very glad to say that with the assistance of Daniel Merrett from the Brisbane Lions, Nugget from Zinc FM, Toddy from Hot FM, the Minister for Sport as well as the LNP candidate for the federal seat of Longman, Mal Brough, we finally managed to clench the all-important Golden Thong Trophy. We lost it the first year. We tied last year. This year we won convincingly and we now have our hands on it. More importantly, we raised several thousand dollars for the lung cancer foundation. I would like to thank Gail Denver, in particular, from the Maleny District Sport and Recreation Club Inc., for the work done in bringing together the day. It was a great day had by all.

I was able to participate in and, indeed, open the WOEIE Festival. WOEIE stands for 'Where on Earth is Eudlo?' For those of you who do not know, I strongly encourage you to come up the highway towards—

**Mr Emerson:** Ilkley Road.

**Mr POWELL:** Ilkley Road, thank you very much, Minister for Transport. It was a great day. It is a great small school and a great initiative. To Principal Ian Webb and his team, particularly the P&C: it was another fantastic day.

Finally, it was great to be a sponsor again of the Elimbah Community Fun Day. I could not win the three-legged race, which I sponsored, so I had to come second. But I thank Chappy Janet for pairing with me and putting in a sterling effort to come second. To Leanne and her team for that fantastic community day: it was a job well done.