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SAMFORD SHOW

 **Mr SHUTTLEWORTH** (Ferny Grove—LNP) (9.48 pm): I rise in the House this evening to pay tribute to the Samford and District Show Society and the event of the Samford show, which is on this weekend. The Samford show is in its 44th year. The showgrounds are situated approximately 25 kilometres from Brisbane city and seven kilometres from Samford Village. They are located in a lush country setting surrounded by mountains and are a worthy location to showcase local business and community groups throughout the show weekend.

This year the show society expects approximately 14,000 attendees from far and wide. To entice the visitors, the committee has packaged together a huge array of local community groups and businesses. There are also a few drawcards such as Earth's Dinosaur Petting Zoo, the Dreamtime Reptiles show, helicopter rides, sheep shearing, wood chopping, a world champion sand sculpture and a wide array of equestrian events, as you would expect in such a show. The crew from *Better Homes and Gardens* will also be assisting throughout the show and attending to the official opening formalities.

As is always the case, the show will also have myriad sideshow alley rides, novelty giftware, show bags and soft toy stalls to entice families and children. Without a doubt, though, the highlight for my young family will be the cheering on of our sponsored pig in the pig-racing events throughout the weekend. To assist the race caller and eliminate the risk of becoming tongue-tied, my children have named our black piglet Bloink, and I wish it well in its racing career.

As with all rural show societies, this event would simply not be possible without the support of locals and businesses. The Samford show executive is made up of the following people: president Terry Hogan, vice-president Frank Lippett, secretary Ingrid Hutton, treasurer Brian Chu, stalls convenor Hilary Smith and committee members Ray Rose, Dot Millar, Doug Haigh and Richard Ward. There are upwards of 100 sponsoring businesses, and their contributions, in conjunction with the Queensland government grant, the Moreton Bay Regional Council grant and the contribution from the Samford and district progress association, have ensured that the Samford and District Show Society, which is a not-for-profit community organisation, can continue to provide this annual event.

Special thanks must also go to the Samford Rotary and Lions clubs for their assistance in preparing the arena and field for the show, the Golden Valley Keperra Lions for their assistance in ticketing and the Samford State School for their assistance in organising the specialty children's events in the main arena. I encourage everyone to make the effort to visit the show over the course of the weekend and witness what is truly one of the best rural show events of the calendar year.