




Speech by

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KUMBIA, RACE MEETING; BUY LOCAL CAMPAIGN; MACLAGAN SQUEEZEBOX FESTIVAL

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (6.23 pm): I rise to inform the House about the wonderful occasion of the Kumbia races. Last week I was fortunate enough to host the Queensland cabinet in Kingaroy for a community function and a formal cabinet meeting. I place on the record my heartfelt thanks to all of the ministers who made the effort to drive out to the wonderful South Burnett region and enjoy some of the benefits that our region offers.

One of those benefits is a country race day. It was a fantastic day. We had the Premier on the barbecue and Marg Golinski cooking alongside of him. It was just a brilliant day. Minister Dickson very kindly announced another race day for Kumbia which will be held on 1 June 2013. What a wonderful day that will be. It will add to the country race series which will see me heading off to the Nanango races on 8 December and the Esk races on 22 December. These are wonderful times within the Nanango electorate for country racing.

I also compliment our Attorney-General and the Minister for Agriculture for entering into the Fashions on the Field. The wife of the Minister for Local Government was the judge. She did a wonderful job. The ministers were not fortunate enough to win; however, I compliment Tegan Crisafulli for her work and the contribution she made to the wonderful day that was the Kumbia races. It was a fantastic day. I would encourage everyone to go to our next race meeting there, on 1 June next year.

I also mention the 'buy local' campaign that I am strongly supporting within my local region. My husband has a local coffee shop. We are determined to buy our Christmas presents locally, as we always do. I am encouraging all locals to buy local within all of my towns, whether it be Crows Nest, Toogoolawah, Esk, Kilcoy, Kingaroy or Nanango—in all of those wonderful small shops that we have—to get some business going back into my electorate.

In the time remaining to me I will touch on a wonderful event I went to in Maclagan called the Squeezebox Festival. Anyone who knows Maclagan knows that it is a beautiful part of the world. Roughly 450 people turned up to the Maclagan hall for the Squeezebox Festival. I met people there from Noosa and Cairns. People are coming from all over the country to go to this festival. I would encourage everyone to go to the next Squeezebox Festival on 12 October 2013. It was a wonderful family day. All of the local community groups were able to get involved and raise money.