



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR GLASS HOUSE**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Glass House Electorate

 **Hon. AC POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection) (10.24 pm): It is with great pleasure that I rise this evening to speak about a couple of events that have occurred in the electorate of Glass House over the past couple of weeks. I start by thanking the Premier and my ministerial colleagues, including the Attorney-General, for joining me last Friday at the annual Walk for Daniel. It was great to be there to support Bruce and Denise Morcombe. It was rather sobering to know that this was the 10th year that the Walk for Daniel has occurred. It is also 10 years since my wife, our two children—we now have five children—and I moved to Palmwoods. Each and every year the Walk for Daniel reminds my children of the importance of the child safety message. I thank Bruce and Denise for the ongoing work that they do around our great state and, indeed, around the nation as they take their message into schools in other states. I commend them for that and I am here to support them throughout that.

It has also been a rather joyous time in the electorate. Spring and the early part of summer always keep us busy. We have had the Woodford community art show. Bobby put on a fantastic show. It was great to be joined by the member for Stafford, Chris Davis. We did not get him to buy anything this year, but next time we will have to make sure that he spends up big at Woodford, supporting the great local artists.

The following night was the Woodford rodeo. It was fantastic to be there to flick the switch on brand new solar powered LED lights—of all things. That was funded through the Gaming Machine Benefit Fund. In my role as the state member, it is wonderful to support community groups such as the Woodford Show Society and the rodeo team in terms of getting funding so we can all enjoy such a wonderful night.

The 10-day long Glass House Country Festival kicked off with an art show at the Glass House Mountains State School. It was great to see the kids putting so much effort into that. I commend the principal and her team for putting so much time and effort into the show. In particular, I recognise Bob McLean who, as president of the chamber of commerce, has done a lot of work to pull everything together over the 10 days of the festival. It was great to finish off with a New Zealand hangi on Sunday. I did not realise there were so many kiwis in the electorate.

I acknowledge that, after 11 years of service as principal to the Eudlo State School and 40-plus years of service to the education department, Principal Ian Webb has retired. He will be sorely missed by the community of Eudlo and he will be sorely missed by school kids from many generations. Ian, we thank you very much for all that you have done for the education of kids in our state.