



Speech By
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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (3.04 am): Today, 8 March 2013, we celebrate International Women's Day. To you, Madam Speaker, an inspirational woman and first female Speaker of this House, congratulations. What an inspirational woman you are for all of us in this House.

A government member interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Madam Speaker will be able to go straight to her breakfast. We look forward to the inspirational speech that Madam Speaker will deliver at the International Women's Day breakfast this morning in parliament in a few hours time.

I would like to take the opportunity to recognise a few of these inspirational women from my electorate in Nanango. First of all, there is a lady called Vivienne McCollum from Hampton. Viv is a wonderful mum of two and Hampton is a great part of the Nanango electorate. Viv is special because she is very actively involved in several industry and community activities which have brought about a positive change in her area of Hampton. She has an agricultural consulting business and is Project Manager of the Young Dairy Network. She owns and operates an agricultural consulting business that deals in natural resource management and project management. Importantly, she is very actively involved in the Geham State School P&C Association and is working hard to achieve improvements at the school. She even had the pleasure of a visit from the honourable Minister Langbroek.

It is important that I mention her involvement in the Hampton Food and Arts Festival, which I am looking forward to attending. This festival is important given that the South Burnett Wine and Food in the Park Festival—the great Kingaroy food and wine festival—which was meant to be held tomorrow has had to be cancelled due to the wet weather. I encourage everyone to go to the picturesque village of Hampton, which is located in the Nanango electorate, to celebrate the very best in seasonal produce, regional art and the good life in the high country. I thank Vivienne for everything she does in relation to the Hampton Food and Arts festival.

I should also note that Viv is very active on the Crows Nest Arts Council and is involved in many of the local productions. She is also a member of the Crows Nest Child Care Centre Management Committee, which has planned major projects in relation to rural studies for young children. Madam Speaker, I wish you a very happy International Women's Day