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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (11.11 pm): I rise in the House tonight to talk about the Nanango film festival and the Hampton Food and Arts Festival. The arts and culture are indeed alive and well within the electorate of Nanango. On Friday evening I had the privilege to attend the Big Screen Film Festival at the Nanango Cultural Centre. This was Nanango's seventh Big Screen Film Festival and was presented in conjunction with the South Burnett Regional Council. It is a travelling film festival coordinated by the National Film and Sound Archive to present new and archival Australian films to audiences across regional and rural Australia. The guest star this year was Magda Szubanski, one of Australia's most loved and respected actors, better known as 'Sharon' from *Kath & Kim*. The red carpet opening night attracted more than 250 people and it was a sell-out event. We also had the opportunity to view on digital quality film Magda's new film, *Goddess*. This whole event runs over four days and includes film screenings for school groups and the general public, a fundraiser, a trip to the great Nanango races for Magda and a short film workshop. This is an important event for the Nanango area, as Nanango is one of only 12 regional towns able to showcase this event.

On Sunday I then attended the Hampton Food and Arts Festival. Madam Speaker, I would do everything to encourage you to go next year. It is just an amazing festival—full of all of the wonderful products that Hampton has to offer. It is a celebration of that area's many attributes—fresh produce, unique gourmet industries and artists and creative culture. I need to acknowledge a few people, in particular great friends of mine Viv and Doug McCollum, who are wonderful volunteers for that area. In particular I acknowledge the organising committee of Kerri Seccombe, Sue Groom and Danny Hamilton. The festival saw some 5,500 people through the gates plus 771 children, and this included 170 volunteers, stallholders, media and sponsors.

It was just a fabulous event which also included Poh Ling Yeow of *MasterChef* fame, who gave a great presentation, and great food and wine from all over the region. It was very pleasing to see a lot of the South Burnett wineries featuring in the day. Also, the great Darren Schmidt and his fantastic Blues Excuse—a wonderful blues band from Kingaroy—played and featured at the Hampton festival. They were fantastic. I would encourage anyone in this House to attend the Hampton Food and Arts Festival where they can purchase great food, great art and just have a wonderful day out in the beautiful Nanango electorate.