




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Bloomin' Beautiful Blackbutt Festival

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (9.02 pm): I rise in the House tonight to talk about the amazing Bloomin' Beautiful Blackbutt Festival that was held on the weekend. This is such a fantastic event. It was an absolute pleasure to attend the annual sponsors dinner on the Friday night with Bruce Scott, the federal member for Maranoa.

Mr Berry: Hear, hear!

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Thank you, that is absolutely right. The festival is an absolute credit to people like Jeff Conner, who is the chairman of the organising committee. I would like to congratulate Bloomin' Beautiful Blackbutt Festival's organising committee. It is incredible that over the two days of the Bloomin' Beautiful Blackbutt Festival over 5,000 people walked up and down the great streets. Bunya Nut Cafe took out 'Best Window'. I congratulate Bunya Nut Cafe on the most amazing display. Whilst they did not win a prize, I would really like to congratulate Blackbutt Hardware and Kate Berry, the daughter of Geoff and Di Maudsley, who every year make such a big effort in their window. I want to mention the overall garden winners—Ron and Dinah Jones—and the reserve champions, Barry and Joan Nugent. These gardens are spectacular displays of the types of gardens you can grow in my beautiful part of the world.

It would be remiss of me to talk about the Bloomin' Beautiful Blackbutt Festival without talking about Sean and Sue, who have recently taken over the local pub, the Hotel Radnor, where we had the sponsors dinner. This great couple put on an amazing display on their veranda and it was absolutely beautiful. Mr Jeff Conner told me that some 30 volunteers came out on Saturday morning and lined up to get given a green T-shirt to be volunteers for the day.

I would particularly like to thank the Minister for Tourism in continuing to supply TIQ funding for this amazing festival. She has also continued to support the Nanango Country Music Muster, which is on this coming weekend. I look forward to representing the minister on Friday at the opening lunch of the Nanango Country Music Muster. I encourage anyone who is interested in country music, poetry, gospel or just the Australian way of life to head out to Nanango, Queensland's fourth oldest town, this weekend for a wonderful weekend of country music, poetry and some gospel.