




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR GLASS HOUSE

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Glass House Electorate, Achievements

 **Hon. AC POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection) (2.37 pm): I love the electorate and the people of Glass House, and I love delivering for them even more. In the last 12 months the Newman government has certainly done that. We have seen more than \$2.1 million go to Glass House state schools for maintenance funding, and that includes \$183,000 to Elimbah State School. I know Gary Austin, the principal, was rapt about not only the funding but also the ability to engage local service providers to use that money.

Recently we have seen the Great Results Guarantee funding of nearly a million dollars extra in funding to 15 schools around the electorate including \$115,000 to Chevallum, \$117,000 to Palmwoods, right down to our smallest schools of \$20,000 to Eudlo, \$40,000 to Delaneys Creek and \$16,000 to Mount Mee. I thank the education minister for that. We have seen flashing lights installed outside Chevallum, Beerburrum and Woodford state schools. The Glass House has its first independent public school at Palmwoods. I wish Peter Wilson and his team all the best this year as they get that going.

We have Get in the Game funding to nine clubs totalling over \$190,000, including Landsborough Tennis Club. The secretary there has been a member of the club for 40 years, and she was in tears when we handed over the cheque. She thought she would never see it. It was great to be part of that. Maleny Rangers Football Club got funding, as did Wamuran Little Athletics, Palmwoods and Western Districts Junior Rugby League Club, and the Caboolture PCYC.

Under the latest funding by the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, the Maleny Bowls Club and Ian Hanson got more than \$30,000 to light their green; Eudlo State School got funding and the Palmwoods kindly got funding.

Under Everyone's Environment grants, it was great to see GMAN creating koala fodder trees and feeding wildlife around the Glass House electorate. Our Maleny Wood Expo was kindly funded under the Tourism and Events Queensland's Regional Development Program. It is a great initiative. We have new peak train services on the north coast line. That is the transport minister delivering for Sunshine Coast and for the people of Glass House.

We have the new route 657 in Caboolture North, which is a much needed bus service that we have been lobbying for for more than three years. The Palmwoods-Montville Road is finally open. It has been closed since early 2010. The Maleny-Stanley River Road is completely open again after damage in 2011, as is the Maleny-Kenilworth Road. The Landsborough-Maleny Road is nearly finished. It is great to see those repaired. The Grigor bridge is a new bridge, a betterment bridge, which is nearly complete and I look forward to opening that very shortly in Conondale. We have seen \$16 million from the Commonwealth to fast-track upgrades to the D'Aguiar Highway. There has been

funding for the Bruce Highway interchanges at Pumicestone Road, Bells Creek Road and Sippy Creek Road. We are watching the six-laning of the Bruce between the Sunshine Coast Motorway and Caloundra Road and a study into the six-laning between Caloundra and Caboolture. I have had a lot of pleasure in delivering all of this through the Newman government for the electorate of Glass House in 2013. I look further to delivering even more in 2014.