




Speech By
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International Women's Day

 **Hon. AC POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection) (3:30 pm): As I am sure you are very well aware, Madam Deputy Speaker, Saturday is International Women's Day. Many of us have been invited to join Madam Speaker herself tomorrow morning at a breakfast where we will recognise inspiring women across the state. We did it slightly differently this year in the electorate for Glass House. We called for nominations from across the electorate to see who would be nominated as an inspiring woman. We were inundated.

There was Tammy Milligan from the Palmwoods soccer club. Tammy does so much that we are actually thinking of renaming one of the ovals at the club the 'Milligan Oval' after all the work she does. There was Mrs Florence Woods from Busy Needles, Pioneer Cottage and also the Maleny Show charity. Florence is also my de facto grandmother in Maleny. She is a wonderful lady.

Jenny Walters was nominated for her outstanding work at the Wamuran Sporting Association. She has been secretary of the club for the past 14 years. Lea Parkes, who runs the *Glasshouse Country News*, does a fantastic job in that community of Glass House, Beerwah and down to Beerburrum as well, sharing the news of the day for that part of the world. Also in that part of the world was Sue Fullerton, who has been a volunteer at the Glass House Mountains Sports Club for longer than I have been alive—more than four decades. It is kind of scary.

There was also Pam Innes, who was on the chaplaincy committee and also Anglican Ladies Church in Beerwah. Similarly, Georgina Thompson, who runs Flaxton Gardens, which is a great wedding venue for all those looking for a wonderful wedding venue in the Blackall Range. Also nominated were Fran Tickle and Karen Heading from Genconnex and Maleny State High School Chaplaincy Committee. They do a fantastic job. Fran runs the Interact Club and Karen is the guru behind the annual charity golf day for Chappy Chris Davis.

There was also Sharon Webb from Elimbah junior Aussie rules and, until recently, a P&C president, state school uniform convenor and treasurer at the Caboolture Lions. Also nominated was Helen Page from the Peachester history group, Friends of Bankfoot House, Beerwah Charity Sports and Beerwah Anglican Church. Suzanne Lanham, who is 'Mother Goose' at the Wamuran Rural Fire Brigade, has worked as a teacher's aide at the Wamuran State School for over 20 years. She recently received a National Medal and a Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Diligent and Ethical Services Medal. There was also Jill Foale, who unfortunately could not attend because, as she normally does, she was in the Solomon Islands setting up a new clinic. That is representative of the work she does with youth groups in the Glass House Mountains and Mount Mee.

The winner this year was Jackie Draper, and she will be joining me for breakfast with Madam Speaker tomorrow morning. Jackie runs the *Stanley River Herald* in Woodford. She sponsors the

Woodford State School awards. She participates in the Woodford agricultural show ball. As I said, she has also established that local newspaper which provides wonderful coverage for the entire southern section of the electorate of Glass House. She was nominated by so many members of her community. She literally stood out as this year's Glass House Inspiring Woman of the Year award. I look forward to sharing breakfast with her tomorrow morning.