




Speech By
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MEMBER'S STATEMENTS

Glass House Volunteer Awards 2014

 **Hon. AC POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection) (3.19 pm): It was with much pleasure that last Wednesday I not only hosted yet another annual Glass House Volunteers Awards but also hosted the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, the Hon. Tracy Davis. It was great to have the minister there to recognise the fantastic efforts of volunteers in the electorate of Glass House.

I want to mention those who received appreciation from their community for what they do. There was Clarke Alexander. Clarke could have worn any number of hats—representing the Lions Club of Maleny-Blackall Range or the Old Witta School Community. He does a great job. There was the wonderful Mrs Cynthia Anning from the Peachester History Committee. I will not tell members what she said to me as she received her certificate. Helen Baker from the Witta Recreational Club does a great job out there at Witta. There was Eve Beaman, along with her tireless ladies, of the Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Regine Deubner of the 5th Light Horse Regiment at Maleny turned up in her full regalia and, as usual, stole the show, particularly with those plumes in her slouch hat.

Penny Edwards also wears many hats, but on this occasion she was representing the Maleny District Sport and Recreation Club. Russell Eggins of the Maleny Swimming Club has done a great job as the club's president for the past two years. Jill Forster of the Glasshouse Mountains Sports Club has been involved in that cricket club for so long running raffles and assisting in the canteen. Although we know that Vicki Heading is involved with Quota International of Maleny, she was nominated for her work through the Glasshouse Country Chamber of Commerce. I think two communities in the electorate tried to claim her that day.

There was Glennis Manning from the Maleny Grove Village. She is a wonderful lady. Helen Manson is the de facto mayor of Beerburrum and was nominated by the Beerburrum School of Arts Association. She is always a cheeky one. Noel McEwan was nominated by Wamuran State School. Noel does a fantastic job with the nashos. He runs the school's Anzac Day and Remembrance Day services every year. Cristelle Nipperess was nominated by Elimbah State School P&C. I did not know that there were still school student banking coordinators, but now I am informed of that. Cristelle does a great job down there at Elimbah. Lottie Nisbett gives everyone a nice hard time at the Sunshine Girls, but she also knits some wonderful scarves for our homeless people. It was great to see Ingrid O'Shea of Lavally Lodge.

There was June and Peter Rawson from Wamuran Park Home. There was also Robert and Loma Spender from the Blackall Range Care Group. Helen Spry is a volunteer at the Caboolture Montessori School. There was Gavin Stewart of the Glass House Mountains Rural Fire Brigade. I thank Gavin. Ryan Thomas is our youngest volunteer and he is from the Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Society. Joanne Titheradge of Maleny Little Athletics is a real tower of strength.

There was Alan Flemington of the Barung Landcare Association, Chris Atkin from the Eudlo Rural Fire Brigade and Shirley Marsh from the Maleny Historical Society. I take my hat off to all of them. Our state would not be what it is and our community would not be what it is without the tireless efforts of our wonderful volunteers.