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ADJOURNMENT

Crows Nest Show; Justices of the Peace

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (12.11 am): I would like to share with the House a couple of wonderful visits by two of the senior ministers of our government. It was fantastic to welcome the Hon. Lawrence Springborg, Minister for Health, to open the Crows Nest Show. I congratulate Athol Gossow and all of his committee for the amazing show that they put on. It was absolutely wonderful to have the minister take time out for one of my smaller country shows. I also had the Attorney-General come to the great areas of Nanango, Kingaroy and Yarraman. I really want to thank the Attorney-General for this visit. It was extremely important for the people in that South Burnett region where we have actually seen a decline in the crime rates, particularly around drugs in the local school. It was fantastic that he was able to take the time to visit the South Burnett area and talk about the important work he has been doing in relation to youth justice and much more.

The Attorney-General also had an opportunity to call in to see a great LNP stalwart, Mr Jim Bond, at Yarraman Wild Horse FM. It was just lovely that he could go on live radio. Jim Bond and Wild Horse FM stream live all around the world through their podcasts. They are really promoting that great part of the world. One of the highlights of the Attorney-General's visit was when we got all of the local JPs together in the Kingaroy Town Hall forecourt to acknowledge all of the hard work that they do. They also participated in an information session. I need to acknowledge Mrs Marion Peterson, the president of the local Kingaroy JP branch, and Mr Ben Madden, the Registrar at the Kingaroy Courthouse. Together these two work hard to coordinate the JPs in and around the South Burnett area. They deliver an excellent service. They are dedicated JPs who help out the people of Kingaroy and Nanango.

I would also like to take the time to congratulate several of our very special JPs who have been given awards. Mr Ray Black, Mr Nelson Dimond and Mr Peter Peacey received 50-year certificates and Mr Ian Stewart-Koster of Crows Nest received a 25-year award. I thank very much all the JPs from my Nanango electorate.