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 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (12.01 am): It is show time in the electorate of Glass House. Last weekend, we saw the amazingly successful Maleny Show come to town. For the first time in eight years—and I must admit for the first since I have been the patron—there was not a drop of rain. Thankfully, the rain has nothing to do with me being the patron. His Excellency the Governor officially opened the show and I believe that we hit record numbers. So I offer huge congratulations to president Ivan ‘Hanko’ Hankinson; senior VPs Monica Skerman and David Lowden and junior VP Felicity Grigor; the treasurer, ‘The Lovely’ Karen Lusk; and the secretary, the tireless Lois White. I also acknowledge the Show Girl, Show Princess, Rural Ambassadors and Charity Persons.

This was the first time that I have taken on the job of judging that contest, and I hope that it is the last, because I do not think I won any votes. To the Rural Ambassador and Charity Person Stacey Bentley; the Show Girl, Caitlin Powter and runner-up, Georgia Ridge; the Show Princess, Emma Scott and runner-up Jillian Green; and the other entrants, Savana White, Leonie Nichols and Lucy Price, I say well done. For those who are heading off to the regionals, I wish them all the best.

Tomorrow I have the honour of opening the Caboolture Show, and I wish the people involved in that show all the best. I wish them also very fine weather. To the president, Rick Corrie, and John Fry, the chairman of committees and their amazing team, I wish them all the best for an absolutely wonderfully successful weekend.

The week after that is the Nambour Show, and in this one I have a bit of a personal interest. My son Daniel is performing in *Anzac Dawn*, which is an original work by Glass House’s own David Crewe and Paul Coppens. It is going to be a massed choir, music, action and drama to capture and commemorate the Anzac experience in this, the centenary year. It will be great to also spend a bit of time at the show with our newly selected candidate for Fairfax, Ted O’Brien, and spend a bit of time showing him around the traps.

Then, finally, on the weekend of 19 and 20 June there is the Woodford Show. Already, we have had the show ball for Woodford and, fortunately, I did not have to judge the contestants in that one. I commend Rural Ambassador, Krystle Meredith; Miss Showgirl, Zoe Hunt, who also picked up the contestants’ choice; runner-up Madeline Pickering; Show Princess, Jasmine Trevison and runner-up Lilly Wease; and Most Improved, Bianca Wicks. But I must give credit to the following amazing ladies: Leigh Amos, the organiser extraordinaire; Zita Duncan, Carol Cawper and Lisa Loiacano, who were the dance instructors and the mentors for these fabulous young ladies; and also Peter Otsman, Rod Kaye and Lyle Duncan, who were the blokes’ mentors and also the dance partners for the females when the blokes could not turn up. I wish president Rod Kaye all the best for the Woodford Show on that coming weekend. That will round out a great month—four shows all in and around the electorate of Glass House.