




Speech By
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 **Ms LEAHY** (Warrego—LNP) (11.01 pm): I am delighted tonight to be able to talk about the local shows in my electorate of Warrego. I was able to attend the 67th annual Jandowae Show and met with Mrs Lillian Krog, patron of the show and also show secretary. Mrs Krog has volunteered for many years, and I thank her for her support and what she has given to her community and the show society. At the Dirranbandi Show, local icon Doug Deshon kept everybody entertained with his official opening address. Marty Sullivan and Caitlin Crothers and their committee again produced an outstanding show, despite the unfavourable climatic conditions in the region.

Wallumbilla Show president Grant Swan, secretary Andy Klein and their new committee succeeded in growing the exhibits and boosted the attendance numbers by offering free gate entry at Wallumbilla this year. St George Show president Ben Gardiner and his team had a beautiful autumn day and a shower of rain before the show. They organised a show with no dust—absolutely amazing. They did a great job in organising the 2015 St George Show.

I was invited to open the 129th Roma Show and the blessing of the plough. Kevin Pope, Teresa Badgery and committee members honoured long-serving volunteer Ray Waldron, who had for 20 years worked as the showjumping ring steward. Ray is a wealth of knowledge and it is always a pleasure to work with him.

I opened the 99th Mitchell Show. Steve Hancock, Lainie Morris and Christine McLean and the committee organised an outstanding show with all sections full, and I am pleased to report that planning is well underway for the 100th Mitchell Show. The Charleville Show again provided free gate entry this year, and secretary Emma Liston and her team did an outstanding job on the 2015 show. I was delighted to attend. Greg Stanke, Lisa Walsh, Chantal Kelly and the Chinchilla Show Committee also invited me to open the 103rd Chinchilla Show. Despite the low cloud and some mist it was great to see the Chinchilla locals out strongly supporting their show.

Last but not least in the Warrego electorate was the 61st Cunnamulla Show. Shaun Fagan, Amy McKenzie and Jess Thompson—a great young committee—did an outstanding job in difficult economic and climatic circumstances.

I would like to thank all the show patrons, show society committees, stewards, volunteers, competitors and exhibitors who have contributed to the success of the shows across the Warrego electorate this year. In conclusion, I have to say that one of the highlights at both Mitchell and Cunnamulla was the pig races. I can tell you: they were very happy little pigs that were racing this year.