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ADJOURNMENT

City of Logan Producer's Lunch; Premier's Sustainability Awards

Mr POWER (Logan—ALP) (6.49 pm): Madam Deputy Speaker, we both know how fantastic the electorate of Logan is. It is celebrated for so many things that make it the greatest electorate in Queensland. Few recognise that it is amongst the greatest in producing a diverse range of fantastic food. However, if one were lucky enough to be the Premier's representative, as I was, at the City of Logan Producer's Lunch showcasing the taste of Logan one could not help being amazed at the great quality, fresh, local Logan produce showcased at the event.

Speaking of Costa, member for Buderim, and one ABC television program that celebrates food, the Logan City Council which organised this event invited Poh Ling Yeow of ABC television's Poh's Kitchen to sample the food and later use local ingredients to cook a meal at the Croyden Road Markets. We heard from Simon Tang of Kennon Mushrooms in Park Ridge. He spoke of his business producing specialty mushrooms including oyster, enoki, shiitake, shimeji and Swiss brown. The public can also contact Simon to buy shiitake and oyster mushroom growing kits which is a great way to show kids how mushrooms grow or just enjoy the freshest possible mushrooms.

We also heard from very passionate farmer and businessperson Lisa Crooks of Riverview Herbs. Along with her husband, Ray, on their second-generation farm in Logan, they farm parsley, radishes and other herbs to a very high standard. I know that Lisa passionately supports local farmers producing great produce and local jobs.

Also present were Teys Bros., who provided the fantastic steak. They have recently expanded their exports to Indonesia and other places, directly competing with live exports and providing local jobs in Logan. Teys were also, incidentally, the winner of the Premier's Sustainability Award. Logan Village resident Robert McVicker won the Built Environment Award for his owner built home the Vicker Ridge House. I was proud to be present at the Premier's Sustainability Awards and celebrate with the McVicker family Robert's fantastic achievement.

We also heard from John Mulraney, the distillery manager at Beenleigh Rum, where Queensland's finest rum is produced at Queensland's oldest distillery. John invited everyone at the lunch to visit the new tourist centre. That very afternoon I took him up on the offer and received a tour of the distillery. I have not yet sampled the products, but this Christmas seems like the perfect time to tour the visitor centre and take a bottle home to celebrate.

Ms Donaldson interiected.

Mr POWER: They do not have a banana flavour one yet but they do have a honey one. That might be something to take up to Bundaberg.

Madam Deputy Speaker, I invite you and all members to come to Logan to try our great food. Come to the Logan food markets on Sundays and try our great food and pick up a mushroom pack, great strawberries, steak, Beenleigh Rum and so much more. The electorate of Logan truly has so much to offer, especially the great tastes of Logan.