




Speech By
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 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (5.51 pm): This week, it was pretty special to stop to reflect on eight years as the member for Glass House and to reflect on the honour and privilege that it has been to represent this fantastic part of this great state. Tonight, I want to reflect on three more recent events. The first is the launch of Celebrate Glasshouse Country, which occurred late in February at the Glass House Mountains lookout. Celebrate Glasshouse Country has come together with one focus, and that is to take a regional approach to our tourism, our events and our festivals. When I talk about a regional approach, I am talking about the region of Beerburrum in the south through to Mooloolah in the north. Celebrate Glasshouse Country focuses on the iconic Glass House Mountains.

The group set up a YouTube channel. If members want an informative presentation on how the Glass House Mountains formed and the history of the region, I encourage them and all of my constituents of the electorate of Glass House—and, indeed, Queensland—to have a look at that YouTube channel. Ivon Northage, one of the great locals, has pulled that together. The presentation talks about the geology and the history of the region. Celebrate Glasshouse Country has a Facebook page, which promotes events locally. I acknowledge the tireless efforts of particularly Judy Tomlinson and Roger Reilly in pulling that all together.

Last Saturday week the first ever Woodford pirate pool party was held. I acknowledge my pirates in crime, Woodford P&C president Lauren Keig and Councillor Adrian Raedel from the Moreton Bay Regional Council. The intent of the pirate pool party was to raise money for our great chaplains—chappy Nikki at Woodford P to 10 and chappy Lisa at Delaney's Creek State School. We had everything from jelly eating competitions, dance competitions—and, yes, that may have meant that you saw a certain state MP dressed as a pirate dancing to *Nutbush City Limits*—and plenty of splashing about as well. I thank Leanne Klein; Donna Grigor; Peter Ostman; Marlene and Andrew Clews and their amazing employee, Brooke; Jai Boxsell; Chappy Nikki's husband, Scott; John and Gloria Power; John and Bruna Waldron; and, of course, the Woodford Lions, who fed us throughout the event and during the evening, led by their indefatigable president, Mike Curtis. The event was a huge success. We raised over \$1,000 for those two chaplains so that they can keep doing the fantastic job that they do in those two schools.

Earlier this week—on Tuesday—I tabled both a written petition and an e-petition on behalf of Maleny local, Rachel Fentiman, who is calling for improvements to be made to the intersection of Maleny-Landsborough Road and Maleny-Montville Road. I acknowledge that TMR has removed the grass and cemented the traffic islands to improve the visibility for drivers turning out of the Montville road on to the Maleny road, but more work needs to be done. I call on Minister Bailey to look at that petition, to take very seriously the concerns raised by Rachel and the other members of the Maleny community, and come back to them with some positive response in the very near future.