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## ADJOURNMENT

### Glass House Electorate

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (6.03 pm): Whilst parliament has not sat for a number of weeks, it has been crazy busy in the electorate of Glass House. The day before Anzac Day I had the privilege of attending a fantastic service put on by the students at the Palmwoods State School. These kids had researched the lives of each of the Palmwoods residents who had been lost in World War I and World War II and had researched five current veterans who had continued to live in or had connections to the Palmwoods community. They did a superb job.

The Woodford pre-dawn service was eerie and very fogbound on Anzac Day. The Wamuran Nasho service was outstanding as always, especially young Wamuran State School captain Emma Folks' recitation of the poem *Sir* to one of the veterans.

There is always that sense of nature when you go to the Witta Cemetery for their Anzac Day service as the minute silence is held. You hear the birdsong all around you as you stand beside the graves of returned servicepeople. The morning concluded at the Glass House Mountains community march and service. My good mate Andie Little led the singing and did a stellar job, particularly of *Abide With Me*.

It has been busy in terms of events, too. We had an extraordinarily successful Maleny Wood Expo. I commend the team at Barung Landcare. Maleny was literally at a standstill for the entire long weekend with so many people coming to participate in that great activity.

We also had a birthday party—the 40th birthday of the Maleny Arts and Crafts Group. The ladies and the men put on a great fair over that weekend. It was great to acknowledge the work that they had done over those 40 years and to identify, in particular, Mrs Beverley Heading, one of the original members. We joked on the evening that clearly back then they were inviting teenagers to be members of the organisation given how good she is looking!

There was the Maleny District Sport and Recreation Club awards. We had as the guest speaker Ian 'Dicko' Dickson. Unfortunately it was after the Brisbane Roar had soundly defeated his team, the Western Sydney Wanderers, but it was great to have him there. The Sporting Team of the Year was the Maleny Rangers Football Club; the Volunteer of the Year was Anita Turner from the Maleny Arts and Craft Group; the Club of the Year was the Maleny State High School Interact Club; and the Sportsperson of the Year was our very own Sarah Peters, an amazing show judge.

I got along to GMAN's koala plantation at constituents Lisa and Paul's place, something that was funded by an Everyone's Environment grant during my time as minister. Finally, we awarded the latest round of the Local Heroes grants: to the Obi Art Prize; to young Palmwoods based 15-year-old squash player Josh Penfold; to the Wamuran Earth Protectors, who are working with the Wamuran State School on recycling; and to the combined Glass House school chaplaincies. It has been an entirely enjoyable few weeks in the electorate of Glass House.