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Glass House Small Business Awards

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (6.29 pm): I rise to proudly state that I am unashamedly pro small business. It was with great joy and celebration that we celebrated Small Business Week in the Glass House electorate last week with our second annual 'Glassys', the Glass House Small Business Awards. Members can think of them as like the Logies but better. There are three tiers of awards: bronze Glassy, silver Glassy and gold Glassy. We break up the electorate into six subregions. Each subregion is awarded a bronze and a silver Glassy, then the gold goes to the overall best business and best employee in the electorate. I acknowledge the support of Commerce Caboolture, the Glass House Country Chamber of Commerce, Maleny Commerce, the Montville Chamber of Commerce and the Palmwoods Community and Business Association.

I want to acknowledge each of our winners. From across the electorate, nearly 100 businesses were nominated, 50-plus employees were nominated and 1,300 people voted for those businesses and employees. I thank all those who participated.

Our bronze winners were Scissor Magik Hair Design, Onward Fitness, Beerburrum Post Office, Rosetta Books, the Montville Post Office/IGA and Mane Street Hair & Beauty. Our bronze employee winners were Maria Catlin of Wamuran Water Babies, Krystal-Rose Thomas of Kids Capers Elimbah, Claudia Eastmure of Beerwah Hair and Beauty, Peter Falconggreen of Maleny Dairies, Joy Kachina from Illume Creations and Celeste Hargraves of Elders Real Estate in Palmwoods.

Our silver business winners—the ones that got the most votes in their region—were Clews News, our wonderful Woodford newsagency; Hans Electrical, a fantastic electrical service servicing the Caboolture region; All in One Fitness Centre, based in Beerwah and Mooloolo; Monica's Cafe, servers of probably the best coffee in all of Maleny—and that is saying something when there are 27 different coffee shops; Little May Espresso, servers of the best coffee in Montville—and given there are plenty there, too, that is saying something as well; and Renae's Pantry.

The silver employees were Sarah Sweeney from Ray White Wamuran, Cassandra Denison from Hans Electrical, Reegan Clarke from Beerwah Cosmetics, Stacey English from The Garden Maleny, Matt Turner from Little May Espresso and Shaylee Clyde, an amazing 19-year-old who heads up Studio S at Palmwoods.

That brings me to our gold winners. The employee winner was Rhyllie Coutts, an amazing young lady who works at Wamuran IGA. At the age of 17 she was confronted with an armed hold-up with a fully loaded shotgun. She belied her age and acted with immense maturity. She is a real life of the party in her community and richly deserves that award. The business winner was Renae's Pantry from Palmwoods. Note to self: next time record the speech of the winner of the gold award. Ben gave one of the best acceptance speeches and gave the reasons we support small business in our communities.