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 **Mr MILLAR** (Gregory—LNP) (8.40 pm): Tonight I would like to pay tribute to the voice of rural and regional Queensland. As many of you know, the show circuit has just completed in Central and Western Queensland. As many members in this parliament would know, it is the golden velvet voice of Angus Lane OAM that is heard throughout the show circuit of regional Queensland.

Mr Costigan: He's the Ray Warren of shows.

Mr MILLAR: Absolutely. I take that interjection from the member for Whitsunday. Angus travels around Australia pursuing his passion at 52 shows each year—his passion for announcing on the show circuit from the regions to the Ekka here in Queensland. In fact, he was nine years old and sitting on Machinery Hill at the Ekka as a kid when the now late George Hartman was announcing at that time and then he knew what he wanted to be—a royal show announcer.

Angus Lane can still remember the late George Hartman's voice at the Ekka when he was a child, uniting the people from the city and the country with exceptional warmth. That is something that Angus has been able to do as a show announcer right throughout regional Queensland. The opportunity did not arise for Angus until many years later. He spent many years in agriculture. It was in the early 1980s when two gentlemen retired from the Jandowae show and the opportunity was there to start something that he excelled at.

In the electorate of Gregory he is a familiar voice, a familiar friend, including at the Clermont show, the Capella show, the Emerald show and Springsure show. I acknowledge the member for Burdekin, who was at the Clermont show a couple of weeks ago. Angus decided to play a trick on me when I was coming back from Longreach. He rang me on my mobile phone and I was not to know that I was to be put onto the show speakers' circuit by him speaking to me. Luckily I was very polite and I did not swear or anything like that. Angus liked that. He gets to know you and he likes to play a couple of tricks. It was great that he was able to introduce Dale Last to the people of Clermont. Dale spent two days at Clermont and had a great time.

Getting back to Angus, with his knowledge of our region, his understanding of our issues and his connection to our people, he is a dear friend to many in the seat of Gregory and to people across Queensland. He is a great advocate for our region. His understanding of each discipline at the shows from the wood chopping to the equestrian, to the prime cattle judging, to his commitment to the show guild is to be admired.

Of course I need to pay tribute to his wife, Vicki, who is the heart and soul of the operation—always behind the scenes organising the events, on the two-way making sure that Angus knows what the next event is and making sure that he has a connection with people at the show. I will always remember this from Angus—this is something that he lives by. His saying is: without preparation you cannot do presentation and without passion and purpose you would be letting people down. Angus Lane, you are an absolute hero of the show circuit in rural Queensland and we admire you for what you do.