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 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (2.06 pm): I would like to acknowledge in the gallery students from the Ananda Marga River School in Maleny—g'day kids, welcome to Parliament House. I look forward to reciprocating the visit in a couple of weeks time when I visit their classroom. I hope they are getting their questions ready for that. I always look forward to them.

On 4 April I was privileged to attend the launch of a wonderful new book titled *The National Heritage Listed Glass House Mountains*. It has been written by local legend Ivon Northage and presented to the community by Celebrate Glasshouse Country. I want to acknowledge the funding provided by my federal colleagues, particularly by the federal Department of the Environment and Energy under the Community Heritage and Icon Grants program.

Ivon is a passionate individual, particularly when it comes to the Glass House Mountains. He has done a sterling job of compiling the story of the mountains, their origin, their geology, the legend, how they were named, exploration of the mountains and, importantly, their heritage listing. That heritage listing occurred thanks to the tireless efforts of local researcher Beth Hodge. It was performed by then prime minister John Howard on 3 August 2006.

It is a great book. Unfortunately, I cannot table this copy as I have already donated it to the Queensland Parliamentary Library. I encourage all members to grab a copy of this book and have a read of it and be educated about the fantastic Glass House Mountains.

Ivon has now turned his attention to two other projects. Firstly, he is correcting errors and replacing damaged signs at Glass House Mountains Lookout. Back in July 2016 we had a promise from then environment minister Miles that it would potentially happen but they were short the \$100,000 that was required. In November 2017 the government promised that that would happen and it was confirmed in an answer to a question on notice I received from Minister Enoch. However, I have to say that the cost seems ridiculous for what has to be done—\$100,000. Ivon has gone to the trouble of getting a quote for two information signs from a local graphic designer and that quote was \$884. I am not quite sure where the \$100,000 comes from. We are also working on trying to get proper acknowledgement of Matthew Flinders and the role he played in exploring Beerburrum. We have a meeting on the site on 4 June.

Speaking of Beerburrum, I want to acknowledge the Beerburrum State School centenary, which was held on Sunday, 22 April. The school commenced back in 1918. I want to acknowledge Shirley Francis, Debbie Roberts, Tina Davidson, Helen Manson, Lorraine Shaw, Kirsty Levis, Trudy Long, Gwenda Kill, Raquel Manson, David Gower, Justin Evans and Susan Grealy who put on a fantastic centenary. They also put together a fantastic publication, *Beerburrum State School Centenary 1918 to 2018*. The school pledge is as follows—

I love my country and its people. I obey the law and encourage others to do so. I work to bring honour to my home, to my school and to myself. I respect the flag.