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**Hon. Mark Ryan**


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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Morayfield State School, Guardians of the Garden**

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (6.15 pm): I am very proud of the Morayfield State School Guardians of the Garden. This year they have redoubled their efforts and won the School Garden Competition at the Ekka. Last year was their first entry in the School Garden Competition, and they took out first prize. This year they took out first prize in the special category of School Scarecrow Competition. This is an extraordinary effort for a great school in the Morayfield electorate. I could not be more proud of them. I look forward to them going three in a row next year.

The Guardians of the Garden at Morayfield State School are doing a great job—not only at the Ekka, with the School Garden Competition, but also at their school, where they are running a market garden and exposing the kids at Morayfield State School to fresh fruit and vegetables. I tell you what: they grow some great snow peas and some great passionfruit. I certainly make a visit to Morayfield State School whenever I am feeling a little peckish for some passionfruit or snow peas.

This year, in the Bringing Biodiversity Back to Our Backyard segment of the School Garden Competition, Morayfield State School entered the 'Linger Longer Garden'. Their performance in that category was notable, but it was in the School Scarecrow Competition that they truly excelled and took out not only first prize but also the excellence award for having the highest overall score. The really exciting thing about winning the School Scarecrow Competition is that you do not just get the prize presented by His Excellency the Governor; the scarecrow actually performs duties at Government House for a number of months following the competition. If anyone wants to check out the Guardians of the Garden scarecrow, they should head down to Government House. I am sure His Excellency the Governor will be happy to give you a tour.

I also want to highlight the efforts of the science teacher at Morayfield State School who runs the gardening program and is the force behind the Guardians of the Garden, that is, Ms Harrington; the kids at Morayfield State School; the members of the Guardians of the Garden; and the principal, Ms White.

I also give a shout-out to the great students at Caboolture State High School who also took out some prizes at this year's Ekka in the agriculture category. Well done to all. I am very proud of you all.

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