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 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (7.00 pm): Last weekend was a busy but brilliant weekend in the electorate of Glass House. It kicked off with an extraordinarily successful Beerwah Street Party. I thank Judy Tomlinson, Jenny Broderick, the crew at Celebrate Glasshouse Country and their entire team of volunteers. It was simply so much fun. From the food to the entertainment to the laser show but, most significantly, to the magnificent feeling of community, it was simply fantastic. I thank everyone who stopped by my stall and let me know what they think is needed to make our part of the world that little bit better. I will be working on each of the suggestions but especially on trying to deliver a cycleway between Beerwah and Glasshouse Mountains.

Saturday saw me join the reinvigorated Montville Tennis Club at the official opening of their newly resurfaced courts. Not even a hailstorm could deter us. To president Wayne Parcell, secretary Brett Abbenbroek and all of the club's members: job well done in not only matching but also exceeding the contribution from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant to get the job done. They have already set their sights on the next project—a new clubhouse—and have the ambitious target of completing it by mid-2020. With Wayne at the helm and the community support he has been able to enlist, I have no doubt they will be successful.

Then it was on to the 125th birthday celebrations at Mooloolah State School. I was privileged to join principal Adam Poulus, P&C president Rachael Clements, Gubbi Gubbi man Brent Miller, past and present principals, teachers, parents and students in an official celebration ceremony. Principal Adam had I think a little bit too much fun wandering around with a cane that he had found in the time capsule and sharing the rules for the teaching staff from the early 1900s that included not frequenting the local ice-cream shop—clearly a real den of iniquity! The event concluded with the sealing of a new time capsule, to be opened on the 150th anniversary of the school.

Finally, it was on to Murphy's Pigs at the Woodford Memorial Hall. Murphy's Pigs need little introduction, as their reputation precedes them: Celtic by nature, pigs by choice. Their event was a sell-out, with more than 350 Woodford locals and visitors enjoying an amazing evening. The great thing is that the event supported four separate charities. Event organiser Jackie Draper and I staffed the raffle, raising \$1,026 for local chappy Dylan Ball. Dylan and his committee also received the proceeds from the dessert. The local ambulance committee staffed the bar and picked up the substantial proceeds made on it. Two other local charities will also receive donations. These kinds of events epitomise the Glass House electorate: banding together—no pun intended—to have fun and support each other. It is simply outstanding.