



Speech By  
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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Mount Larcom Show**

 **Hon. GJ BUTCHER** (Gladstone—ALP) (Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water) (7.21 pm): I rise this evening to speak about a wonderful reason to visit the Gladstone region, the Mount Larcom Show. The Mount Larcom show is held over two days and this year it will be held on 19 and 20 June. The show is described as the region's favourite agricultural event and simply goes from strength to strength every year. I am proud that I have been invited to open the Mount Larcom Show for the last six years since becoming the state member, and each year they continue to showcase the outstanding event.

The Mount Larcom & District's Show's first event was held in 1919 and it has operated continuously, except for a break due to a little thing called the war and last year due to the pandemic. In 2019 the show celebrated 80 years of presenting the annual agriculture show with 100 years since the first show. The Mount Larcom Show provides the community with a unique friendly atmosphere, providing entertainment with a distinctive country flavour. The Mount Larcom Show is well recognised and respected within the community of Gladstone. It is a family friendly signature regional event that every year attracts a large number of patrons, visitors, participants and exhibitors.

The show provides a great weekend out for the family and a chance for the community to get involved. There is a great range of events to attend over the weekend which includes woodchopping, a ute muster of which I am a proud sponsor, a beef cattle program, horse events and chainsaw racing of all things. With all abilities and every style catered for, there is something for everyone at the friendly show in the Gladstone region. I say congratulations to everyone involved including Mick Wallace, the chairman of the committee, as well as the committee for bringing it all together. It takes a wide range of sponsors, committee members, exhibitors and volunteers to hold this successful event.

The Mount Larcom & District Show Society have recently applied for round 2 of the Queensland bushfires category C flexible funding and they are currently awaiting the outcome of that application. I acknowledge the minister is sitting here. Hopefully we can get that announcement out very shortly. The Mount Larcom & District Show Society has faced some severe disasters including cyclones and an unprecedented firestorm that swept through part of the township and much of the surrounding districts in 2018. I saw firsthand the frightening situations that residents faced and the difficult decisions they had to make in late 2018. There is no doubt that more could be done to strengthen the resilience of this community to ensure they are better prepared and more resilient for natural disasters into the future.

If they are successful for round 2 of the Queensland bushfires category C funding, the Mount Larcom & District Show Society will implement projects aimed at driving recovery and building resilience not only for that community in my electorate but for all Queenslanders impacted by the 2018 bushfires. There is no opportunity greater than the Mount Larcom Show to experience a fantastic and authentic agricultural show.