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Glass House Mountains Rescue 1965—2015 The Story; 'Glassies'

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (2.12 pm): This afternoon I want to start by acknowledging this great little publication by Beerwah local Neil Halpin, which looks at the 50-year history of the Glass House Mountains rescue team. Neil first climbed Mount Tibrogargan back in 1965 but got involved in the Glass House Mountain State Emergency Service in 1987. He has looked at the history not only of the mountains and the people climbing but also particularly those fantastic volunteers from my part of the world who have been rescuing people off the mountains for many years. He looked at the early establishment of the Rover Scouts and their rescues in the 1960s and the establishment of that Glass House Mountain State Emergency Service mountain rescue team, in particular the work of Graeme Cheal, who was their leader for 28 years and served over 30 years with the unit. I want to thank Neil for this great little publication. I am going to give it to the parliamentary library so that all members can get to know the fantastic work the volunteers have done in that space.

I also want to acknowledge that we have had our seventh annual 'Glassies', the small business awards for the Glass House electorate. We have had some stellar wins. At the outset I want to acknowledge my partners in crime: Shiralee Cooper, Montville Chamber of Commerce; Spencer Shaw, Maleny Chamber of Commerce; Teresa Harrison, Woodford Wamuran Business Network; and Jenny Broderick, Glass House Country Chamber of Commerce. I would also like to thank our fantastic sponsors: Hideaway Weddings, Worldwide Online Printing, Maleny Jewellers, Mortgage Choice, Woodford and Beerwah; Spicers Tamarind, Illume Creations and many, many local businesses that contributed prizes on the evening.

Our gold winner in the business category was the Clock Shop at Montville. They have been there for over 30 years. They transitioned from the original owners to their son and his wife. Tragically, Dan and Holly took over just before COVID, but they have managed to keep the business growing from strength to strength. They recorded a staggering 654 votes. There was no way you could go past them. In terms of gold medal employees, it was Kerri Sneddon from the Woodford Barber Shop. When she was not busy transforming hair in the salon, Kerri established a circle of women supporting women called Wild La Fe which keeps her very busy. Reports are that she is truly helping to heal and empower women throughout the broader Woodford region.

In the Moreton Bay region our winners were: Rayview Produce; Brendan Craig from Woodford Woolworths; Aline K Aesthetics; and Katreena Lucas, Kids Capers Childcare at Wamuran. In Glasshouse Country it was: Mooloolah Newsagency; Jodie Pember, Mooloolah IGA; Tamara Hazelden, Freedom real estate; and Cassi Nuske from McGrath real estate. In Maleny it was: VIP Wildlife; Jen Bernasconi, Jen's Woodfired Pizzas; Maple Street Co-op; and Jemma Mays from Goodstart Early Learning. In Montville it was: Crystal Multiverse; Rachele Coates, the Barn on Flaxton; Montville Pharmacy; and Shaile Wilson, Homegrown Cafe. The communities throughout the Glass House electorate are built on small business. This is my way of saying thank you for all they do in our communities.