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**MEMBER FOR JORDAN**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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 **Mrs MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (8.45 pm): Our Jordan business community is kicking some significant goals, and I am so pleased to see this recognised with a range of recent small business awards. We know that it has been a really challenging few years for our local businesses, so it has been wonderful to see our local business owners recognised by the community and their peers.

The 2022 Logan Business Distinction Awards saw two fantastic local businesses from Flagstone in the Jordan electorate recognised, and it is just great to see this new and growing area of Logan City starting to really represent in business. Bee All Natural took out the sustainability award, and for good reason. Jason and Natasha practice ethical, sustainable and organic principles, as they say happy bees make the best honey. DMH Realty won the community contribution award. Donna Marie and Chyerl are two incredible local businesswomen running a dynamic agency but also making a significant contribution to our local community through their volunteer work on the Flagstone Community Association, the Logan Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Flagstone Crafters Hub and the Logan Village Community Centre, just to name a few. These women are everywhere!

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Marquee Business Awards are always a huge night for our Greater Springfield business community, and this year was no different. A massive congratulations to all of the wonderful businesses who took out these awards, including some fantastic new entrants like the terrific Cafe Kalina, which won the community engagement award. Che and Chloe run a very popular cafe in our Springfield community, but they have also made a significant contribution to the community. The very day of the awards I was with them at the cafe supporting a fundraiser for our Springfield Mo Men, raising funds for men's mental health support. This is a truly well-deserved award. Congratulations also to the Skin Sanctuary at Brookwater, which won the outstanding small business award. I am really pleased to see Sarah Hall recognised with this award, as her attention to detail with her business and the care she shows her clients is clearly evident.

The City of Ipswich Business Excellence Awards were also held this past weekend, and again it was wonderful to see a Jordan electorate business recognised, with Orion Family Physiotherapy winning the West Moreton health and wellness business of the year award. Adam and Emma Atherton are just terrific locals, and they make a significant contribution to our Greater Springfield community whilst expanding an incredible health empire under the mantra 'healthcare that cares'. I was recently so privileged to be invited to help them open their fourth physiotherapy clinic in our community.

Finally, not to brag, not one but three Jordan local businesses took out honours in the 2022 Australian Small Business Champion Awards in Sydney recently. Huge congratulations to Aquashield Bathrooms for best bathroom and kitchen improvement business. It is terrific for owners Chris and Angela, who not only have a thriving business but I know are excellent employers who look after their team. Business Wellness Hub won for best accounting bookkeeping services. Lynn, who I think is just amazing, recognised early that the mental health and wellbeing of her clients was equally important to their bookkeeping needs. Bee All Natural—again—won for best environmental business. Yes, we certainly punch above our weight.