




Speech By
Lachlan Millar

MEMBER FOR GREGORY

Record of Proceedings, 10 May 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Krause, Mr R, OAM; Gregory Electorate; Bowyer, Mr E

 **Mr MILLAR** (Gregory—LNP) (7.06 pm): Mr Deputy Speaker, I ask for your indulgence and I wish to thank the member for Scenic Rim for allowing me to fill his spot in the adjournment. I also want to acknowledge his dad, Robert Krause, who is receiving an OAM. He has done a great job. He is involved in the show society. I know the member for Scenic Rim will talk about his dad tomorrow. He is looking forward to his investiture this week. He is a significant man in the Marburg community. I wish him all the best and I wish Jon all the best. Please talk about your dad tomorrow, mate, because he deserves to be recorded in the annals of the Queensland parliament. He has done a significant job for the community in Marburg.

If I can just talk about something that is significant in my region: we finally got our community shows back! I was lucky enough to open the Tambo show a couple of weeks ago. Tambo holds a special place in my heart because that is where the Millar family comes from.

Mr Nicholls: You attended?

Mr MILLAR: Yes, I did. I opened the show and I stayed there for quite some time. The Tambo show is significant to me because that is where my family comes from. It just shows that eventually, after COVID-19, we are getting back to some sort of formality. Our show societies right across Queensland—I know the minister for agriculture would understand this—have gone through a terrible time to try and get our community together. I congratulate all those show societies and presidents for sticking together and making sure we have shows to come back to. We had the Tambo show and we also had the Blackall show, but sadly today the Longreach show has been cancelled because of the rain event we are having in Western Queensland.

Mr Nicholls: I love the Longreach show!

Mr MILLAR: I take the interjection from the member for Clayfield. We have spent some time at the Longreach show. We probably spent too much time one night at the Longreach show, but we did behave ourselves. Show societies have been struggling for the last two years, and we need to make sure that we get them back. Finally, after a two-year hiatus the Sunflower Festival in the Central Highlands was on again this year. We are a sister city to Altona, Canada, and we finally got the sunflower queens from Altona over to Emerald, which was great.

Before I conclude I want to pay tribute to a significant person in my life who unexpectedly recently passed away, Eric Bowyer. Eric Bowyer was a dear member of our family and the Emerald community. He was the salesman for Bruce Rhodes, which was the John Deere dealership. He spent much time in our area, and I pass on my condolences to Stella. It was very sad.