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## ADJOURNMENT

### Glass House Electorate, Small Business Awards; Mount Mee Road; Fleiter, Mr LH

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (7.00 pm): It is Glassies time. For this year's Glass House Small Business Awards we have been inundated with a record 188 small business and employee nominations from across the regions of Montville, Maleny, Glasshouse Country and Moreton Bay. As the towns and villages of the Glass House electorate are built on the back of small and family businesses, I am encouraging all residents to cast their vote before 1st May at my website, [www.andrewpowell.com.au](http://www.andrewpowell.com.au). I look forward to sharing with the House just who takes out the coveted gold, silver and bronze Glassies following our gala on 16 May.

The RACQ has confirmed what D'Aguilar Range locals have been saying for years, that is, Mount Mee Road is unsafe. In fact, it was voted the fourth worst road in the state. The worst stretch is clearly between Ocean View and Dayboro where there are too many accidents. That stretch desperately needs upgrading. With the community growing, the road is no longer suitable for the daily traffic it receives.

Comments about the road received by RACQ members included: 'Refilled potholes don't last longer than a week', 'Shoulder damage is known to wreck tyres', 'It isn't fit for the amount of cyclist and motorbike traffic it's receiving', 'Corrugated bitumen affects steering and traction', 'Too many blind spots' and 'Lack of overtaking spots'. It is disappointing that petitions to the main roads minister to fix the road have fallen on deaf ears. What will it take to get him to listen? Hopefully we do not have to wait for Mount Mee Road to top the list of 'unroadworthy roads' before action is taken. I certainly do not want it to take a death to see improvements made.

This evening I conclude on a sad note as I say farewell to a real bastion of the Conondale community, Mr Loyd Henry Fleiter. Born on 20th January 1938, Loyd was a true man of the land. He spent his entire life living and working on Valmore, the Fleiter/Fritz family farm in Conondale that was part of the original Conondale Station. Recently his brother Ian remarked that you would have to look far and wide to find another two brothers who worked side by side every day of their lives. There was a special brotherly bond.

Loyd married his classmate, Mary Grundon, and together they raised their four children, Rex, Judy, John and Lois. He had a great love of working with wood and playing cricket. He was an active member of his community. Following in his father's footsteps, he served as president of the Conondale Hall Committee for many decades. Today his daughter Lois continues that family tradition, serving as the hall secretary. Loyd also served on the board of the Maleny Cooperative Dairy Association and the Caboolture Dairy Cooperative Association. Apparently, in those roles his fact-finding trips into northern New South Wales were the only time he ever left Queensland. His children have fond memories of their dad coming home from Caboolture board meetings with a special treat: a Mars Bar and a carton of flavoured milk, such were the simple pleasures of life growing up on the farm. Vale, Loyd Henry Fleiter—a man of the land, now returned to the land; loved by so many and missed by all.