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Glass House Electorate, Small Business Awards

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (7.00 pm): May is Small Business Month and no-one celebrates it better than the Glass House electorate because on Tuesday, 16 May we held our eighth annual Glassies, the Glass House Small Business Awards. It is when Hollywood comes to Hideaway Weddings in Beerwah and we acknowledge and applaud our amazing small and family businesses and their employees. This year we received a record number of nominations—all up, 172 different businesses and employees—and a record number of votes with nearly 5,000 in total. As always, my thanks go to the Montville Chamber of Commerce, Maleny Commerce, Glasshouse Country Chamber of Commerce, Woodford and Wamuran Business Network, Greater Caboolture Chamber of Commerce, Ruy at Worldwide Printing and our many media and business partners. So who won?

In Montville the awards went to Tina Cooper Glass Gallery, Crystal Multiverse, Eliza Claridge from The Barn on Flaxton and Serge Doumergue from Crystal Multiverse. In Maleny, the coveted Glassies were scored by Rosetta Books, Maleny Jewellers, Jennepher Bucher from Maleny Cheese and Elaine Haggerty from Beyond Words Therapy Centre. In Glasshouse Country, the Local Beerwah, Mooloolah Newsagency, Lizzie Vaughan from All About Autism and Natalie Lelievre from Mooloolah Newsagency were awarded the gongs. In Moreton Bay, the prizes went to Woodfit, Red Fox Orchids, Taylor Wenham from Sunnysdaze Wellness and, for the first time ever, we had a tie between Cheryl Grant from Rayview Produce and Jasmine Brown from the Woodford Hotel.

To acknowledge some regular high-flyers, this year we introduced a special Hall of Fame category and inducted our first six members: Maple Street Co-op, Mountain View Pet Retreat, Ledgers Country Butchery, VIP Wildlife, Sharon Schofield from Easton Lawyers and Jodie Pember from White's IGA Mooloolah.

Finally, our amazing gold winners: the Business winner was Tamara Hazelden Real Estate. Nominations for Tamara called her and her team, Lauren and Tess, an inspiration for women in business everywhere. They are constantly supporting community events and projects as well as really making a name for themselves in the real estate industry. Tamara has also stepped up into the role of vice president of the Glasshouse Country Chamber of Commerce, giving President Jenny a much needed reprieve.

Where should I even begin with the Employee winner, Jim Goulton of Maleny Jewellers? Running Maleny Jewellers since 2000 with his wife, Sandra, Jim is consistently praised by customers for his repair and design work, creative ability, passion and attention to detail. One nomination read, 'I love the beautiful unseen work he does to help others in the community.' I think that just about sums up who Jim is. He is always helping others wherever he can. He even drove to Brisbane to collect the trophies for the Glassies, not knowing that he was winning not one but two awards, because he did not trust the courier.

Congratulations to all our winners, all our nominees and all our small and family businesses. They are the heart of our communities and they provide jobs, services and support for our sporting and community groups. Without you, Glass House would not be Glass House.