



Speech By
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MEMBER FOR GLASS HOUSE

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 **Hon. AC POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation) (2.09 pm): I, too, would like to take a moment to make special mention of three remarkable individuals who have recently passed: Ivan Hankinson, Stan Collard OAM and Mark McArdle. Though their lives followed different paths, they shared one defining quality: a steadfast commitment to their communities. Each played a vital role in shaping the Sunshine Coast, especially the Sunshine Coast hinterland, and Queensland as a whole and as we know it today. Their legacies will continue to inspire us all.

Ivan Hankinson's name is synonymous with the Maleny show, and his legacy will live on both in spirit and now physically, with the Ivan Hankinson Hill standing proudly over the showgrounds. Ivan's more than 50 years of service, including nearly 30 years as president of the show society, speaks volumes of his devotion. He was an honorary life member but, more than that, he was the heart of the Maleny show—working tirelessly, leading by example and always looking toward the future. Ivan's commitment shaped generations of community connection and inspired generations to continue to follow a career and a future in agriculture. His contributions to Maleny will never be forgotten. To his wife, Kaye, who is a dear friend, and the broader family, I extend my heartfelt sympathies.

Also born in Maleny, Stan Collard embodied a life of service. As a senator for Queensland from 1975 to 1987, Stan worked on behalf of our great state with quiet determination and unwavering commitment. His dedication extended beyond politics into education and culture, championing causes like Life Education Australia and contributing to the Library Board of Queensland. Stan led with humility and strength, always placing his community first. His OAM recognition was well deserved, but his true reward was the legacy of opportunity and enrichment he leaves behind. Sadly, he was preceded by his wife, Gloria, in 2022, so to Ian, Sue and Annette and the broader family I offer our community's heartfelt sympathies.

We will have more to say, no doubt, about our good friend Mark McArdle but, as we know, the former state member for Caloundra recently passed as well, with his funeral last Friday. To me he was a mentor and a friend and to all who knew him a tireless advocate for our region. Mark served with honesty, integrity and an unshakable dedication to his community. He was a true champion for the Sunshine Coast, never shying away from a hard fight for what mattered most. Despite a long battle with cancer, he remained deeply engaged and was immensely proud to see Caloundra turn blue again at the last election. I also acknowledge his role in the formation of the LNP. To Judy and the family, I offer our sympathies. Vale, Mark, Ivan and Stan—three true gentlemen. You will each be dearly missed.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr McDonald): Thank you, member for Glass House, and once again I offer our sympathies to your community and to their families and friends.