



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR PUMICESTONE**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Pumicestone Electorate, Business Excellence Awards**

 **Miss DOOLAN** (Pumicestone—LNP) (2.34 pm): Small business is the backbone of communities right across our state, and our community in Pumicestone is no different. Just the other week we celebrated the 2025 Pumicestone Business Excellence Awards—a night of connection, recognition and community spirit. Over 300 locals came together at Sandstone Point Hotel to honour the incredible work of our small businesses. With more than 2,500 nominations and 3,000 votes cast for the People's Choice award, it is clear how much pride our community takes in our local economy.

We were privileged to welcome Premier David Crisafulli and Small Business Commissioner Dominique Lamb, whose presence reaffirmed that, under the Crisafulli government, small business success is not merely a political promise; it forms the ethos of our strategy to grow our state's economy for generations to come. The Crisafulli government's commitment to small business is simple: we respect them, we nurture them and we will fight to ensure that small business plays a leading role in our economic future.

The calibre of our finalists was outstanding. I congratulate all the nominees, winners and highly commended businesses. I particularly want to acknowledge Little Mike's Cafe in Woorim, named Business of the Year for their exceptional service, their warm hospitality and the role they play as a much loved local gathering place. Bribie Island Subway took out the People's Choice award, which was a powerful reflection of the trust, loyalty and support they have earned from our community. Sunburnt Country Designs was the winner of the Creative Industries award. Each of its handmade hats tells a unique story—a true celebration of individuality and craftsmanship. Beachmere Butchery was the recipient of the Customer Service Excellence award. Their dedication to quality and community, including their popular Beachmere Bangers Facebook group, is a brilliant example of how businesses can bring people together.

I also want to take a moment to honour someone whose impact extends far beyond commerce. Anna Coxson, a finalist in the Community Impact category, is not only a business owner but also a cherished member of our Bribie Island community. Through The Little Sensory Shed and her tireless work with carers at MyTime, Anna has brought comfort, care and inclusion to so many. Recently we learned that Anna has been diagnosed with terminal breast cancer. Throughout her own challenges she has continued to put others first, offering support, understanding and a listening ear to families across our region. Today we stand together to recognise Anna's remarkable contributions and to send her our heartfelt thoughts and best wishes.

The Pumicestone Business Excellence Awards showcase the very best from our community: resilience, creativity and compassion. These awards are just one way to recognise the incredible impact our small businesses and community champions have on our region. I congratulate everyone involved again. They make Pumicestone thrive.