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Governor packs in full day during visit

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QUEENSLAND Governor Quentin Bryce enjoyed her quick trip to the Highlands this week.

She visited Ensham Coal Mine on Wednesday morning, before enjoying a civic reception for community and council in Emerald, a trip to the Gemfields, a visit to the new community health facility and dinner with the Mayor - all in one day.

She then headed to Kingaroy yesterday.

The trip was part of a regional tour and was her first visit to Emerald.

Ms Bryce said she enjoyed the warm welcome she had received.

"How much I've appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity to see Emerald," she said.

"How delightful this occasion has been (at the civic reception on Wednesday).

"The opportunity to



■ **GOVERNOR VISIT:** Ensham mine manager Peter Westerhuis and the Governor Quentin Bryce inside the cabin of a \$100 million dragline at Ensham Mine.



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meet so many inspiring people in the community who are involved in caring for people and their families.

"There's obviously a very strong community spirit.

"It was very exciting to visit the dragline and see firsthand a very successful coal mining operation and the people working

there."

Ms Bryce said the heart of a regional visit was meeting people that contributed to the wellbeing of Queensland.

"In this room today, there are a lot of people that give so much to the community," she said at the civic reception.

"They are a source of inspira-

tion... hearing what they do firsthand is a great privilege."

Ms Bryce said she also enjoyed the driving aspect of the trip.

"It brings joy to my heart," she said.

"The countryside's looking so beautiful... it's very much the heart of Queensland."