



Speech by  
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**KEDRON-WAVELL SERVICES CLUB**

**Mr SULLIVAN** (Chermide—ALP) (7.24 p.m.): The Kedron-Wavell Services Club under President Fraser Allom, Paul O'Brien and Secretary/Manager Ken Mogg has done great work in the local area, particularly with the sporting involvement they have not only at the Hamilton Road site but also with Shawspurtz. I will leave the Shaw Road site out of this speech, because the club currently has a bid in with the Minister for Sport for the redevelopment of hockey fields. This has fitted in with a plan that has been developed over a number of years, which unfortunately was delayed by a couple of very selfish local people who used the legitimate processes of community consultation to delay the development in a very unproductive way. They lied about the possible environmental concerns for the area and they took no account of the rest of the community.

What is happening, though, at the moment is that the Kedron-Wavell Services Club has a bid with the Minister for a grant of approximately \$1.5m, which it will match with \$1.5m, for the major redevelopment of hockey fields. There is no doubt that the fields are needed, but there is great demand across the State for such facilities. I thank people such as Eric Jones and the Tidey family and many other families who over a number of years have worked with the former City United, now the Kedron-Wavell Hockey Club, to develop sport for the local area.

In relation to their bid with the department at the moment there are some difficulties. There is about \$50m worth of bids but only \$10m in available funding. But the advantage the club has is that it has put in a professional submission. It is a community-minded group that has considerable experience in the administration of sport. There will be widespread benefits in terms of juniors and seniors, males and females, and the use by other clubs of these facilities. If they do get the grant at this round they deserve it and I wish them well in their development. If they do not get the grant, I can understand the difficulty that the department has in not being able to provide the money at this stage. Whatever the outcome, I will continue to support them.

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