



Speech by

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CAPRICORN COAST FOOTBALL CLUB

Mr HOOLIHAN (Keppel—ALP) (7.20 pm): If I read the names Dylan Kussrow, Adrian Jones, Brad Stevens, Ben Parker, Cameron Mackay, Craig Spalding, Doug Armstrong, Jeremy Duivenvoorden, Joel Simpson, Michael Chelepy, Jules Dann, Tim Parker, Matt Breningan, Jack Frahm, Tim English, Josh Ryan and Tom Coote, many members of this House would ask: 'Who are these people?' Then when I add Shaun Janes as coach and—wait for it, Mr Deputy Speaker—John English as manager—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr English): Hear, hear!

Mr HOOLIHAN: I must assure you, Mr Deputy Speaker, that you do not look alike. I have to inform this House that that is the Capricorn Coast Football Club's senior side, which won the Wesley Hall Cup in the Rockhampton and District Soccer Federation on 16 September.

An honourable member interjected.

Mr HOOLIHAN: It is not a football program; it is a very good publication, the *Spectator* news magazine. The Wesley Hall Cup has a very interesting history. It is the oldest amateur trophy for sport in Australia. It was first played as a Rugby Union trophy in the early 1890s. It is made from sterling silver and it is inlaid with gold that was taken from Mount Morgan. It was played for three years as a Rugby trophy. The first badge on the base of the cup for soccer is dated 1895. So the cup has been contested for 112 years.

The Capricorn Coast Football Club, of which I have the honour to be the patron, was formed in 1972. In 35 years it has not managed to get to, or win, a grand final. But at Apex Park in Yeppoon on that night they were grand.

There is also another piece of history, because the father of the coach, Shaun Janes—Neville—is a trustee of the Wesley Hall Cup. He last played for the cup in 1947 and won it as a 16-year-old. This trophy has been contested by many of the larger clubs in Rockhampton, but I think it was a fitting honour to the hard work and dedication of this club and these people that on that night they took the Wesley Hall Cup for the first time. I say to the Capricorn Coast Football Club: good on you.