



Speech by

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BEENLEIGH LOGAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION ANNUAL AWARDS

Mr MOORHEAD (Waterford—ALP) (9.28 pm): On Friday, 28 March I attended the annual awards night for the Beenleigh Logan Cricket Association. The Beenleigh Logan Cutters have again had a successful year, with a growing number of players and facilities that are the envy of the QCA grade competition. I would like to record my appreciation of the administrators and volunteers of the Beenleigh Cutters, particularly President Rod Hammel, secretary and scorer Jenny Jamieson, scorer Ted Williams and the curators of our lovely grounds, Peter Oppermann and Bill Jackson.

Women's sport is strong in Beenleigh, with the women's teams outshining the blokes in the 2007-08 season. The second grade women's team, led by Gaylene Oppermann, won the QCA Premiership. The under-15s won the Mel Bulow Cup this year. First grade players Jude Coleman, who was the women's cricketer of the year for the club, and Delissa Kimmince also represented our state and country during the season.

The coach of women's cricket, Russell Nielsen, was recognised for his contribution, winning the Clubperson of the Year Award. The men's first grade team also did well, getting to the semifinals where they lost to Wests. The team is well supported by coach Brendan Creevey and long-serving manager Shane Scott. Captain Daniel Payne was recognised for his great season, winning the Cricketer of the Year Award.

That weekend I was also lucky enough to represent Minister Spence at the Queensland Bulls award dinner. Again the Beenleigh Logan Cutters were well represented with Michael Johnson awarded the Queensland Young Player of the Year Award. I must put on record my appreciation to Queensland Cricket Chairman Damian Mullins SC and his director Bryan Phelan for their hospitality and the opportunity to join Queensland Cricket to celebrate the 2007-08 season. It was great to attend the function, as the Queensland government has done so much to support cricket in Queensland with the provision of more than \$1 million of assistance in the last 12 months, including \$135,000 to 37 local clubs to provide training, develop strategic plans and promote participation activities such as come-and-try days. Cricket is in safe hands, both in the Beenleigh/Logan area and in Queensland.