



Speech by

**Mark Ryan**

**MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD**

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## **SPORT AND RECREATION PROGRAMS**

**Mr RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (11.41 am): Along with sporting and recreation groups from throughout the Morayfield electorate, I am very excited about the new package of sport and recreation funding programs. These new funding programs will support sporting and recreation groups whilst also providing jobs, building sport and recreation infrastructure, and promoting a healthier lifestyle for Queenslanders. The new funding program supports the Bligh Labor government's commitment to the Toward Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland's goals of enhancing and increasing volunteerism and making Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people. By supporting local sporting and recreation groups in the Morayfield electorate and, more broadly, those groups right throughout Queensland, the Bligh Labor government is providing real opportunity for people to participate more fully in their communities.

The new programs funded over three years include a \$38 million Local Sport and Recreation Jobs plan, which assists with the employment costs of a local sport and recreation coordinator who will help organisations with matters such as fundraising, promotional activities and sponsorships at the grassroots level; a \$51.5 million Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program; a \$27.6 million State Sport and Recreation Organisation Development Program, which will help encourage participation in sport and recreation across Queensland; and an \$18 million Active Inclusion Program to encourage disadvantaged groups to participate in sport and recreation.

Along with the member for Pumicestone and the Caboolture Sports Club, I will be hosting a sports forum for local sporting and recreation groups from the Morayfield and Pumicestone electorates on Tuesday, 16 March. I encourage all interested people to attend. I also encourage them to enjoy the member for Pumicestone's pikelets and cakes that she will be providing. Already I am receiving some exceptionally positive feedback from members of local sporting and recreation groups about these new programs.

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