




Speech by

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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Greenslopes—ALP) (Minister for Education and Industrial Relations) (12.10 am): Physical activity and exercise are an important part of a healthy life. This government understands how important this is, and that is why we are committed to supporting and assisting Queenslanders to find their 30 minutes a day of physical activity. I am happy to be able to inform the House that the young people of the Greenslopes electorate are helping to lead the way.

Last weekend, the Metropolitan East Australian Rules under-12s team competed admirably at the state carnival, where two wins, a draw and two losses saw them finish third in the Queensland School Sports State Championships. Of particular note was their hard-fought draw against cross-town rivals Metropolitan West. I was privileged to be able to present the boys with their jerseys last week, and I would have to say that they are a very fine team of young men.

I would like to make special mention of two boys, Claude Bukourou and Matthew Hulme, who have been selected in the Queensland under-12s team. Both boys will travel to Canberra in late July to play in the national carnival. Claude's achievement as a refugee from Burundi excelling in the most Australian of games is a significant achievement. I am lucky enough to have been able to sponsor Claude to help him meet the costs of being part of the team.

I would also like to congratulate coach Michael McInerney, assistant coach and runner Teal Weller and team manager Kathy Moor. Hardworking volunteers are an essential part of our junior sport, and I would like to applaud everyone involved. It is an experience the boys will cherish for the rest of their lives.

Over at Wembley Park, Coorparoo, the Metropolitan Districts Netball Association also played host to the Netball Queensland State Age Championships last weekend. This was a fantastic event requiring an enormous effort. At the championships I had the privilege of catching up once again with MDNA life members Bill and Monica Duncan. Bill and Monica helped begin the association about 40 years ago, working out of the back of a caravan and using a wheelbarrow to pick up stones from the park which became home to the association's first courts. Forty years later, Metropolitan Districts Netball Association is now capable of hosting a state championship featuring 161 teams from 48 associations with more than 1,500 players participating.

As I said earlier, these sorts of events are not possible without the hard work of the members of the Metropolitan Districts management committee, including president Christina Carswell, senior vice-president Trish Jachimowicz, junior vice-president Sue Munro, secretary Debbie Robertson, treasurer Christine Gould, assistant treasurer Sue Brown, office administrator Karen Byrne and all of the association's hardworking volunteers.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Ms Leigh Scott, acting head of curriculum at Coorparoo State School, and the wonderful students at the school. Leigh organised not one but two Walk Safely to School Day events. Walk Safely to School Day is a wonderful initiative. It shows children how easy it is to incorporate 30 minutes of physical activity into their daily routines. I would also like to thank local southside mum, television host and Olympian Hayley Lewis and former AFL player and Brisbane Lions assistant coach Shane Woewoedin, who joined the children on their walks to school.

I am proud to be a member of a community like Greenslopes—a community that values getting out and getting active as well as rolling up the sleeves and giving something back as a volunteer.