




Speech by

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GREENSLOPES ELECTORATE, SPORTING CLUBS

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Greenslopes—ALP) (Minister for Education and Industrial Relations) (11.15 pm): Sport plays a valuable role in any community, and my constituents in the Greenslopes electorate are particularly well served by a range of fantastic sporting clubs. I am enthusiastic about junior sport, because it provides young people with the opportunity to learn healthy habits that will stay with them for life as well as make new friends.

One of the really great parts of working with our great sporting clubs is being able to attend presentation days and meet the people who drive these clubs. In particular I would like to congratulate Jason White, the president of the Coorparoo Junior Australian Football Club. He is a true servant of his club, his sport and his community. The presentation day I attended on Sunday, 9 October showed that the hard work that Jason and all the other volunteers put in gets results.

I would also like to congratulate all of the coaches, parents, volunteers and especially the players at Easts Junior Rugby League Club, who celebrated their trophy day on Sunday, 18 September at WJ Scott Park at Holland Park. This is a great club, and I would particularly like to congratulate Megan Bauer, who has been appointed president—the first female president in the club's 60-year history. I also congratulate secretary Greg McDonald and I express my thanks to the outgoing president, Brian Torpy.

I sponsored the trophy presentation for the under 7s at Easts Tigers Rugby Union Club on Friday, 16 September and it was great to see the next generation of James Horwills and Digby loanes getting in and having a go. President Peter Murdoch and junior director Steven Cohen are doing a great job leading the way at 'Tigerland'. I would also like to thank the under 7s coaches who are donating their time. I thank Michael Liddy, Wayne Cook, Terry Munn, Stewart Elliott, Konrad Baldwin, Andrew Beattie, Jason Trevenan and David Murphy.

There are some fantastic soccer clubs in my electorate, and I would like to make particular mention of the Holland Park Hawks Football Club. Hawks is one of the biggest junior sporting clubs in Brisbane and it does a fantastic job in giving everyone an opportunity to play the world game. In fact, the club recently received \$40,200 in Bligh government funding to help cover the cost of lighting, which is creating more opportunities for people to get involved in competitions like the club's popular Friday night five-a-side competition. I would like to congratulate president Warwick Palmer and club executive members and officers Steve Gibbs, Peter Fleming, Cath Ware, Selwyn McFaul, John Camuliga-May, Raphael Mar Fam and Len Catalano, amongst others, for the great work that they do.

Another great southside sporting institution is the Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association, which is based at the Whites Hill Reserve. This year the association played host to the 2011 state championships, which attracted the crème de la crème of touch players from right across Queensland. I congratulate the Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association chairperson, David Witt, and CEO, Kathy Sweeney, who did a fantastic job leading an army of staff and volunteers in preparing for and hosting a fantastic state championships.

Sport and recreation are important parts of our lives and our communities, and it would not be possible without the hard work of armies of community members and volunteers who donate their energy and time each and every week. On behalf of all the residents of the Greenslopes electorate, I thank you.