




Speech by
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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (8.36 pm): The Kawana Park Eagles Junior AFL Club is based at a shared facility at the Kawana Waters State College, which is right in the heart of the Kawana electorate—the crown of the Sunshine Coast. The club has recently been successful in achieving a sport and recreation grant of \$297,868 for the construction of change rooms, umpire rooms, storage and first aid rooms.

Mr Ryan interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: I think it has more to do with their state representation than the government of the day. The Kawana Park Eagles Junior AFL Club has made some enormous improvements to its home ground at Kawana Waters State College with the recent installation of field lights and a new path. The club is currently facilitating the AFL Sunshine Coast juniors mixed under-9s competition under the leadership of Stacey French and Rohan Briggs of the AFL Sunshine Coast at Maroochydore. The club aims to further its relationship with the Kawana Waters State College by opening up this facility for multiple users, including soccer and cricket, to service all sport and recreation participants. I congratulate the club president, Paul Meehan, on his vision and leadership of junior AFL activities in the Kawana electorate.

The Kawana Brothers Rugby Club received \$299,675 to construct change rooms, match official and first aid rooms—

Government members interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: Thanks to the state member—to support junior rugby union at Bokarina. The Chancellor State College also received \$146,153 to develop three beach volleyball courts, floodlighting and club amenities at the college. I congratulate all of these schools and organisations on achieving funding with successful applications.

I also want to make a special mention of Harry Greenland, who is in year 7A at Talara Primary College. Harry is a record-breaking athlete after his recent sporting achievements at the national cross-country championships and the national swimming championships. Harry hopes to one day compete for Australia in the Deaflympics, and with his recent achievements he is well and truly on track to do so. I would like to congratulate the year 7s at Talara—all 130 of them—who were recently presented with their CPR certification upon completion of a recent course. This is the third year that I have been able to assist with the funding of this very worthwhile initiative, and I want to take this opportunity to thank Darren and Janelle Brown from Swimart Currimundi and Brendon and Glenda Ragget of Jim's Mowing Sunshine Coast South for their ongoing support of the program.

I had the privilege of being master of ceremonies at the 4th annual Sunshine Coast Youth Summit, which was hosted recently by the Sunshine Coast Youth Partnership. The one-day summit brought together 80 15- to 25-year-olds from across the Sunshine Coast to discuss and debate the issues identified as important within their local community. The major discussion topics for the 2011 summit were

employment and transition from education and training, body image and self-esteem, drugs and alcohol and dealing with binge drinking and mental and emotional health. All of the attendees were engaged in the discussions and made the most of the opportunities to participate in the various workshops. I say well done to the Sunshine Coast Youth Partnership CEO, Lydia Najlepszy, and her team for arranging another successful event and achieving twice the number of attendees as the 2010 youth summit.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all the year 12 students who are graduating this week from the Chancellor State College, Siena Catholic College, Kawana Waters State College and Pacific Lutheran College and wish them well as they move into the next phase of their lives.