




Speech by

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MOUNT ISA, SPORT AND RECREATION

 **Mrs KIERNAN** (Mount Isa—ALP) (2.49 pm): I now think the member for Kawana is running for Ashgrove! Last Sunday Mount Isa held a Super Sports Sign-On Day. Some 28 clubs attended on the day covering a multitude of sports available in our community. Sports represented were BMX, tennis, junior rugby league, netball, softball, hockey, fishing, cycling, running and triathlon, pony club, gymnastics, squash, indoor volleyball, swimming and cricket.

This event has been a fantastic initiative of our government. While last year we were all combating floods, this year was without a doubt an overwhelming success, with over 400 visitors coming through on the day. Many mums and dads I spoke to were delighted to be able to come to the one event and find out what was on offer for their children and themselves.

This day complements our investment in sport and recreation in Mount Isa, with recent funding of \$142,000 for around 30 Active Inclusion projects and club support projects in the electorate. In November we announced funding of \$156,000 for over three years to Mount Isa City Council to employ a sport and recreation officer for the city. Other smaller centres such as Cloncurry, Julia Creek, Richmond, Winton and Hughenden have this position and are going ahead in leaps and bounds. I want to thank the terrific team from our Sport and Recreation office in Mount Isa—Kellie, Marnie and Troy—who did a fantastic job in putting the day together. They were supported by our Communities regional director, Nicola Jeffers, and a number of Communities staff who came and worked to make the day the huge success it was.