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## BEAUDESERT KINGFISHERS

 **Mr KRAUSE** (Beaudesert—LNP) (9.37 pm): Tonight I pay tribute to one of my local rugby league clubs, the Beaudesert Kingfishers. On 11 August, the Kingfishers won a double victory, with both their A-grade team and their under-19 team winning their grand finals in the Gold Coast rugby league competition. I was honoured to be present at Parkwood to see both victories. The under-19s stormed home 30-10 against the Tweed Coast Raiders, who were never really in the game. In the A-grade, the Kingfishers took a 16-nil lead before the Southport Tigers fought back to narrow the gap to a converted try. In a tense close, the Kingfishers showed the type of grit and guts that the Beaudesert electorate breeds into them. Tight defence and a terrific team try sealed the win 22-16.

Congratulations must go to all of the Kingfishers players, in particular the try scorers for the under-19s—Brandon Lucas, Cameron Verkerk and Zach Cooper—and the try scorers for the A-grade team, Adam Jordan, Benny McDonald, Shane Blow and Jayde Williams. Captains Luke Jordan and Craig Ryan led from the front. Behind the scenes, coaches Colin Bell and Craig Gee and club president Shane Coburn all contributed to two terrific victories in front of an estimated crowd of 200 or so Beaudesert supporters who made the journey from Beaudesert to Parkwood to support their teams. I was glad to support the teams as they worked hard for victory. I table for the record extracts from last week's *Beaudesert Times*, an august publication, including a photo of both the under-19 and A-grade teams.

*Tabled paper:* Bundle of newspaper articles, undated, relating to Beaudesert Kingfishers [\[756\]](#).

*Tabled paper:* Photo of Beaudesert Kingfishers 2012 grand finalists—under 19 [\[755\]](#).

*Tabled paper:* Photo of Beaudesert Kingfishers 2012 grand finalists—A-grade players [\[754\]](#).

Beaudesert has a long and proud history of producing top-class rugby league players, many of whom have gone on to gain higher honours representing Queensland and Australia. The recent grand final victories are in a way a tribute to this proud history, where Beaudesert has at times played teams like Boonah, Rathdowney, Canungra and Jimboomba as well as local Indigenous teams. They were, by all reports, fiery contests producing tough players who went on to play in higher grades and higher leagues, like Rex Dauth, Colin Fisher, Frank Blow, Kevin Haack, Lisle Rowe, Ian Dauth, who played for Queensland, Greg Veivers, who played for Australia, and Phil Moloney, to name a few.

In 1986, local Andrew Gee toured England with the Australian Schoolboys and later played for the Broncos for many years. Gary French and Keith Gee also played for the Broncos, and we claim Corey Parker, too, because he attended Beaudesert State High School. Kevin Langer and Chris 'Choppy' Close played in Beaudesert. Of course, Choppy went on to have a long career, representing Queensland and Australia.

There have been many players with rugby league roots in Beaudesert—too many to name here in three minutes—but suffice it to say that Beaudesert has a proud history of producing rugby league players. I pay tribute to the boys who put in the hard yards on the paddock and at training as well as the club committee, volunteers, trainers, helpers and supporters and club sponsors—in these good times and in lean times of the past—who have all contributed to these two terrific grand final victories achieved this year. Again, I say congratulations to the Kingfishers. I look forward to seeing many more victories in the future.