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Nanango Electorate, Sports Grants

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (3.24 pm): I rise to talk about the wonderful announcement of the Get in the Game and Get Going sporting grants for the Nanango electorate. Firstly, congratulations to the Acting Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, the Hon. Tracy Davis, and her department for implementing this excellent initiative. However, I want to wish Minister Steve Dickson a fast and swift recovery.

Government members: Hear, hear!

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I take all of those interjections. All of our thoughts are with the minister.

Grassroots sporting and recreation clubs are the backbone of our local communities, and the Get in the Game funding program is definitely helping more children and young people in my electorate to get more involved in sport and recreation activities. In particular, I want to congratulate all of the clubs that were successful in achieving the recently announced Get Going grants. These include the Nanango and District Netball Association, and I must congratulate the Nanango netball association because my daughters actually play for Kingaroy netball and we are currently sharing its courts. They are amazing courts and I thank it for that. Other clubs were the Esk Country Golf Club, the Kilcoy Recreation and Sporting Association, the Kilcoy Motorcycle Club, the Range Runners Orienteering Club, the Burnett Softball Association, the Kingaroy Junior Soccer Club, the Kingaroy Swimming Club, the Kingaroy Netball Association, the Kingaroy Touch Association and the South Burnett All Saints AFL team. Grants for these clubs were for less than \$10,000.

In particular, I want to mention the South Burnett All Saints. This is a newly formed AFL club in the South Burnett which aims to bring the wonderful sport of AFL to young people in our region. It has been extremely proactive during its establishment, and through this Get Going grant it was successful in receiving \$9,610 in funding for the accreditation of 10 volunteers and also to purchase much needed equipment. The club was also lucky enough to get a grant of \$3,000 from the Department of Communities to hold a special event for the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month in May this year. I met with the president of All Saints, Daniel Clacy, who said that the club will be hosting a breakfast and a home game on 4 May with the goal of awareness within the AFL and wider community of domestic violence, as this is a real issue within our region. It is partnering with the various community support groups on the day and players will also be wearing special jerseys. I am really impressed with the commitment and the positive action taken by the wonderful All Saints AFL club. I look forward to attending some of the home games in the great space that is the Kingaroy AFL club.