




Speech By  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Kingaroy Rugby League Club; South Burnett PCYC**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (9.43 pm): Tonight, I rise in this House to let the House know about the Kingaroy Rugby League Club, better known as the Red Ants. Recently, I met with Dubbo—

**A government member** interjected.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** The Kingaroy Red Ants. Recently, I met with Dubbo, the club president—Mr Mick Dugdell—and we discussed the club's plan to bring high-level rugby league games to the South Burnett. This progressive club has been busily improving its facilities, successfully receiving grants to upgrade its lighting, fields and visitors dressing rooms and install a boundary fence. With these improvements in place the club is actively pursuing opportunities to host some big matches.

I am really keen to help out this club to get one of the intra super cups to Kingaroy so that we can have one of these wonderful games in the South Burnett. Recently, the club has been successful in securing an A-grade representative game through Queensland Rugby League. An Eastern Central United team will play a South Queensland border districts team as a pathway to selection for the Queensland Rangers. The club understands that bringing such a game will only help to encourage youngsters—like my nephew Angus Allery—to become involved in rugby league or, indeed, sport in general. It will create a positive atmosphere within the community and also provide an economic boost for the Kingaroy township.

The Red Ants are also involved in a tour by NRL Community Engagement ambassador, Petero Cioniceva, who is touring the South Burnett region on 16 and 17 May.

**Mr Johnson:** A great man.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** He is a great man. I would like to congratulate the NRL on this initiative, which aims to tackle bullying. Petero will be visiting the South Burnett junior rugby league clubs, including the Nanango, Murgon, Wondai and Blackbutt clubs and some of the high schools in the area. The visit recognises that, although we may be a diverse nation, rugby league can play a pivotal role in developing tolerant and cohesive communities. The South Burnett junior rugby league committee has recognised that bullying can be a major problem in our region and that this type of visit from a great man such as Petro will help my community stop bullying.

Whilst I have some time, I thought it would be good if I could tell the House about how I was privileged to be involved in the Doing Time4Kids fundraiser for the PCYC. Whilst being locked in a cage dressed in jail stripes, I got to learn more about the programs that are offered by the South Burnett PCYC and to raise money. I would like to congratulate Sergeant Michael Eadie of the South Burnett PCYC who coordinated this event.

**Mr Springborg** interjected.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I take that interjection from the Hon. Lawrence Springborg. I was lucky enough to be able to raise—

**A government member** interjected.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** That is right.

*(Time expired)*