




Speech By
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 **Mr MELLISH** (Aspley—ALP) (2.35 pm): Last week I had the pleasure of hosting an event with the Attorney-General of Queensland, alongside Everal Compton OAM, who is an incredibly well-respected member of the community on the north side. We had the opportunity to hear from the Public Trustee about the importance of having a will, keeping a will up to date and having enduring power of attorney. I would like to thank the Attorney-General and the Public Trustee for helping to organise the event and for the great work the Public Trustee does in the community, as well as Everal Compton for always managing to lighten up a conversation about something that is not often fun to discuss. Thanks also to the Aspley Hornets for hosting us.

The Aspley Hornets are just one of the incredible sporting associations in the Aspley electorate that have been up to some great things over the last couple of months. Massive congratulations to the Hornets footy club women's team who did an amazing job this year and took out the premiership in the Queensland Women's Football Association. They have been making a great effort to continue to build up female involvement and participation in their club and further their development. I was very excited to hear that their efforts over the last year have culminated in them securing a spot in the Queensland Women's AFL competition next year. Congratulations to Dale, Reevsey and all the team there.

Congratulations also to the Northside Wizards Basketball Association Southern Basketball League teams, who both did fantastically in their competitions, with the women's team unfortunately coming up short in the grand final but with the men's team taking out the game in a very close, nail-biting finish. It was certainly a sight to see. I look forward to following the Northside Wizards representative teams through the upcoming seasons and continuing to work with them to build a bigger and better new home on the north side. I also thank the Minister for Sport for helping us through that process. The Aspley Devils Rugby League Football Club came away from the season with both the under-12 division 3 team and the under-14 division 1 team making it all the way through to their grand finals and picking up runner-up awards.

A massive shout out must go to the parents, volunteers, coaches, officials and committees of all our fantastic sporting clubs and associations in Aspley as they end the winter season. Their tireless work and efforts do not go unnoticed, and I thank them all for the work they do in making our area a more engaged and welcoming community. I look forward to going to as many games as I can next season and cheering them all on.

I would also like to acknowledge the high schools in my electorate—Aspley State High School and Craigslea State High School in particular. I had the pleasure of having their very impressive student leaders and principals in parliament this week before they break for school holidays and go back for the final stretch in term 4. The student leaders I met are great individuals. They are great representatives of their schools and they are all going on to bigger and better things.

While on the topic of schools, I would like to congratulate St Dymphna's, Bald Hills State School and Aspley East State School for holding fantastic school fetes and fairs over the weekend. They are a huge logistical and organisational challenge. I do not think I have ever seen Ekka-level rides and massive slippery slopes and the size of the fetes and fairs that I saw over the weekend. It is a mountain of work putting all of that together and they all did a great job on what were very successful days.