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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (6.14 pm): In active and growing communities like Logan, sport stands as a central beating heart. It helps to motivate people of all ages, it improves health and wellbeing, and it also provides a fantastic platform for lifelong friendships to form. The Palaszczuk government is a huge supporter of sport in the south-east as well as the rest of Queensland. As the local member for Woodridge, I was delighted to recently be on the track, field and stage to share in the announcement of some vital new infrastructure and to celebrate champions big and small.

Last week I joined the member for Logan, Linus Power—a huge advocate for his local community—to open the Centenary Plains BMX clubhouse at Browns Plains. The Palaszczuk government contributed \$335,000 to this project in partnership with Logan City Council and the club itself, which will position Centenary Plains as one of the premier BMX facilities in the country. For more than three decades this club has been encouraging wheels to spin, and I am delighted that off the back of our investment more BMX riders will have the opportunity to try and thrive racing BMX.

Meanwhile, this past weekend I joined Maroons enforcer and club legend Josh Papalii to recognise the achievements of Logan Brothers players in 2018, including the Superstar Under 6s—the future of Rugby League in our region—whose awards I was proud to sponsor. This presentation day held even more significance than usual with the opening of Logan Brothers' new clubhouse, which the Palaszczuk Labor government helped fund with a \$100,000 investment through our Get in the Game Places and Spaces Program. Featuring training and gym facilities, additional office space for volunteers and a terrific viewing platform for coaches and officials, this facility will strengthen an already strong club. I want to thank the club executive, president Matthew Ale, past president Matt Mead, secretary Christine Blackwell, vice-president Luke Gardner, treasurer Jacki Ale and the Logan Brothers old boys, so ably led by Brian Roberts, for the enormous amount of work they contributed to this project.

The Palaszczuk government knows just how much Logan Brothers and the Centenary Plains BMX Club mean to Woodridge and will always support clubs who support so many in our community. Luckily, when it comes to inspiration, our next generation in Woodridge does not have to search too far to find a sporting hero. Local Logan hero and boxer Clay Waterman, a bronze medallist at the 2018 Commonwealth Games at the Gold Coast, was awarded Logan Sportsman of the Year at the annual City of Logan Sports Awards last Saturday night. I sponsor this award, and I was again honoured to present the trophy. I was joined by former world boxing champion Danny 'the Green Machine' Green to congratulate Clay on everything he has accomplished in 2018. It was a special night for all in attendance and a showcase of just how meaningful and powerful sport can be. That is why the Palaszczuk Labor government will continue to back sport in the south-east and across the rest of Queensland. Hearts remain pumping in communities like Woodridge, and our local clubs keep chalking up the big wins.