




Speech By
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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (7.09 pm): Tonight I am honoured to stand in this House to express my thanks and appreciation to all those people who are the heart and soul of sporting clubs in the Woodridge electorate, to shine a spotlight on the wonderful work they do and to thank them for their tireless commitment to our local community.

At the outset can I take a moment to make special mention of Duane Antcliff, President of the Logan Brothers Rugby League Club, who is here tonight with other members of the club executive. They are joined by Brian Roberts, president and life member of the mighty Logan Brothers Old Boys with some other old boys as well. I congratulate Duane and all the Logan Brothers volunteers and Logan Brothers Old Boys for what they do to support rugby league in our community.

Club president Adam Woodley, vice-president Dave Charlton, and other members of the Centenary Plains BMX Club are also here with us tonight.

Mr Power: Great people!

Mr DICK: I take the interjection from the member for Logan. They are a great club with great people. It was a great pleasure to visit Centenary Plains BMX and Logan Brothers recently to help them open new clubhouses, which were built with funding assistance from the Palaszczuk Labor government.

Another local club which does terrific work in our community is the Logan City Netball Association. I am delighted that the club is also being supported by our government through a \$366,000 grant. This investment will allow for a facilities upgrade, including a first-aid room and better access for people with a disability. As the club keeps growing, I want to thank stalwarts like President Toni Wardlaw and Secretary Terri Noakes for their dedication to local netball.

I also want to acknowledge the Logan City Cricket Club, 2018 premiers in the Queensland Sub Districts Cricket Association competition. Included in this group are life members Les and Pam Marshall, whom I proudly presented with Queensland Day Awards in 2017 and 2018 for their commitment to cricket and the community.

I also wish to thank Karen Gallpen, vice-president and head coach at the growing Southern Stars Baseball Club. Karen and other club members are the backbone of baseball in Logan. Karen manages teams, organises fundraising events, and is one of the driving forces behind a club that is creating league history by fielding three masters teams while also taking part in the inaugural GBL women's baseball league, an eight-week competition that the Southern Stars have kicked off with two massive wins.

Our littlest local legends are also being given a sporting leg up by Browns Plains Little Athletics with great guidance from people like Charlotte Halvorsen, the president of the club. The Browns Plains Little Athletics team ran away with many medals following the Jimboomba carnival on Sunday and continue to achieve plenty of personal best times.

Meanwhile, soccer is well and truly supported in our local area by Logan Metro and the Logan Roos FC. I want to thank Logan Metro president Samuel Escobar and Logan Roos secretary Abdul Khan and their teams for the work they do. The message 'We are Logan' is catchcry for our region, and it is heard and seen no better than when Logan Metro are in full flight.

The community of Woodridge is stronger because of these sporting organisations and other teams like them. It is easy to be a champion in this parliament with so many other champions in my local community, and I thank these clubs for their effort.