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 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (10.25 am): I would like to start by passing on my condolences to Mary and the entire Mackenroth family. There was a time when the seat of Chatsworth covered parts of what is now the electorate of Greenslopes. Many others have highlighted Terry's significant achievements on behalf of the state and the community. I would like to speak on behalf of the many branch members and community members in my electorate who have the deepest respect for Terry. These are people who grew up in the housing commission with him, who went to school with him, who formed young Labor branches with him, who worked on campaigns too numerous to mention with him. Of course, these were people who were there at his state funeral—people like Greg Smith, Mary and Brian Dutton and Peggy Duke, to name just a few.

I did not know Terry during his active political career. I only got to know him in retirement. I would like to share a few interactions I have been lucky enough to have over the last few years with Terry that demonstrate his love of his family, his community and sport. His love of sport is well known. I went through a period of bumping into Terry at the Metropolitan Districts Netball Association when I was visiting as the local member. Terry was there to coach his granddaughter's netball team. The club could not find a coach for the team, so Terry stepped up. He could have begged off as being retired, but he stepped forward for his granddaughter and for his community. His enjoyment of having time to spend with his granddaughter was very obvious. We did not discuss matters of state—just how much he was enjoying coaching again.

On my regular visits to Langlands Park to watch the mighty Easts Tigers I would regularly run into Terry and Mary. I note that many clubs are claiming that Terry was their supporter, but I know for a fact that he was the No. 1 ticketholder for the mighty Easts Tigers. There is a game on Sunday, Mary, against the Capras. We would love to see you there. Our conversation at those events rarely turned to politics. They generally stayed on our shared love of Rugby League and the Tigers.

Just a few weeks before he passed away I had my last contact with Terry and it was very unexpected. I was walking my dog in the soccer fields at the end of the street. The last person I expected to bump into was somebody who had held such esteemed political offices in our state, but there was Terry on the sideline cheering for his grandson in a local soccer match. He took the time out to introduce me to all of the other parents, grandparents and spectators on the sideline. Then he followed with a deep analysis of the game and his grandson's performance which I am sure he would have shared with his grandson. Again, his pride in his family was so evident.

Those will be my ongoing memories of Terry. He loved spending time with his family. That was evident. He loved supporting local community organisations, particularly sporting organisations. These are the things that will stay with me. I am sure they are just a small fraction of the very many memories that his family will hold dear in their heart. Vale Terry Mackenroth.