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 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (2.16 pm): Recently, I spoke about how scouting had returned to my former electorate of Kallangur. Another community service that was lost during my predecessor's term in government has been returned to the Kallangur, Kurwongbah and Petrie communities. Belinda Norrie, who is a strong community activist, Valmae and the Marsden Families Program at the old Frederick Marsden home have worked together to open a community library which also services parts of my new electorate of Kurwongbah.

When I was elected in 2015, I hounded our mayor about the disappointment my community felt at the closure of the Kallangur and Narangba libraries in 2014. My pleas did not fall on deaf ears, as when the Petrie university project was announced the mayor informed me that when the university opened it would have a full public access library. Belinda and Marsden Families could not wait that long and went out into the community for help. It was inspiring to see our locals stand together to make this project a reality. From the overwhelming donation of books to the library to the huge number who turned up on the opening night and are patronising this facility, I have no doubt that we can call this project a resounding success. I give thanks to Belinda, Valmae and Marsden Families as well as my community for coming together to show that when we do work together we can create something worthwhile for all of us.

Since becoming the member for Kurwongbah, I have become a bit of a fan of Aussie rules. Even though years ago I spent nearly six years living in Western Australia and that was the only footy we had there, I never really embraced the game until I inherited two AFL clubs in the recent redistribution—the Narangba Crows and the Moreton Bay Lions. They have been educating me.

I have been fortunate to watch a few women's AFL games, including a great finals game between the women's Brisbane Lions and Collingwood teams at the Moreton Bay Lions' home ground in Burpengary. The players certainly do not mess around. Although the Lions did not win, they left nothing in the tank during that game.

I have also gained two more Rugby League clubs in Kurwongbah in the Narangba Rangers and the Burpengary Jets. Along with the Pine Rivers Bears, I now have to share my Rugby League allegiance three ways. They are all great clubs and with my two AFL clubs, the soccer club—I have Narangba United—I will never have to look too far to watch a great game of footy.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our great education minister, Minister Grace, for inviting me recently to see the construction site of a vertical school. With our new university coming along, at some stage there will be a conversation about a STEM school there. This concept is amazing. I would like to see it again further down the track when it is actually up and running because I think it is a great idea.