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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mansfield Electorate, Sporting Organisations**

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (6.08 pm): I rise tonight to inform the House of the great sporting groups in my community. Mr Speaker, as you know, exercise is a great way to improve not only our wellbeing and fitness but also to clear our heads and de-stress whether it be after work, after school pick-up or, as we know, after sitting in parliament all week. The Mansfield electorate has a diverse range of organisations that encourage healthy living and wellbeing for all ages. They include: bowls, soccer, hockey, cricket, AFL, basketball, swimming, baseball, karate, Rugby League and softball. I also acknowledge the Mount Gravatt Little Athletics, the Mount Gravatt and District Horse & Pony Club, the Mansfield Magpies Junior Cricket Club, the Easts Mt Gravatt Junior Rugby League Club and the Brisbane Eagles Lacrosse Club. The Mount Gravatt PCYC and Mt Gravatt Youth & Recreation Club are two incredible associations that provide multiple sports and various social activities. Both organisations are utilised by various sporting clubs, schools, community groups and the general community.

The Hawks, Clairvaux and Eagles soccer clubs, along with the Vultures and Rochedale junior AFL clubs, are some of the largest clubs in my electorate that provide great opportunities for young and mature players as well as afford families a great day out supporting their team. These clubs provide not only an avenue for rising stars but also an opportunity for our young people to develop their skills in teamwork, decision-making, conflict resolution and leadership.

I am also fortunate to have legendary former Brisbane Bullets coach Brian Kerle train upcoming basketball players in the electorate as well as run a diverse range of programs and clinics including specialised programs for new mums and Indigenous children.

Another sport that Australia has become increasingly competitive in is baseball. I am proud to support the local Eagles team. With the Brisbane Bandits on a winning streak and based in my esteemed colleague's electorate of Stafford, I am sure we will see some shining stars rise from the Eagles in the future.

The Australian Academy of Martial Arts is going ahead in leaps and bounds due to the investment made by the Palaszczuk government to develop a new centre behind Mount Gravatt Bowls Club. This new location will provide for strategic partnerships with the bowls club, nearby schools, kindergartens and childcare centres.

I would also like to acknowledge the great opportunities that our local swimming clubs provide during the summer season. The Mansfield Muddies, the Southside Rockets, the Rochedale Rays and the Wishart Sharks are great local clubs that nurture lifelong skills and competition opportunities for our young people.

I am proud of the sporting organisations in my electorate of Mansfield. They provide healthy living opportunities and allow wonderful connections between family and friends to be forged.