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## ADJOURNMENT

### Macalister Electorate, Sporting Achievements

 **Mrs McMAHON** (Macalister—ALP) (7.03 pm): It is my absolute pleasure to report to the House on the outstanding achievements of my Macalister senior sporting clubs this recent season. Last Saturday night I attended the Logan Lightning Football Club's annual presentation dinner celebrating the achievement of the various teams. In the Queensland premier league the club had firsts in the men's under-18s and under-20s and in the over-35s comp—and a shout-out to all of those players in all sports still running around the paddock and keeping active—they had firsts in the division 3 and division 4 comps. The under-18s were division 3 grand final winners and the women's team also won the women's city cup trophy. The club was also announced as South-East Queensland's football community club of the year. Congratulations to Fred Waters and the club committee, all players and volunteers for that award.

The Beenleigh Buffaloes Australian Rules football club also had sterling finals seasons, with the women's team making the finals, falling just one game short of the grand final. The club also fielded the under-16s division 4 premiers, winning their grand final 54-52, and in the QFA division 2 comp the Buffaloes were grand finalists—a valiant effort but fell short on the day. Next year that team will step up to the division 1 comp. Well done the Buffs! The Logan City Hawks also produced two grand final teams.

The women's team were division 3 white grand finalists and faced Beaudesert in a tough match-up, with the final score of 26-14 indicating how close those two teams were all season. The Hawks men's team were premiers in the division 2 senior Cross River Challenge cup, beating Brighton 24-18. The Eagleby Giants finished their season hosting a Ky Boss suicide awareness invitational series under lights at Bishop Street Park. I was proud to pull on the blue jersey of the Giants and take the field with local players to take on the Logan Mustangs invitational team. It was a great game and I think we can say that footy was the clear winner. The Eagleby Giants are truly doing great things for the local area.

Finally, the Beenleigh Pride senior Rugby League side had another record-breaking year. While my women's team were not in the hunt for the finals this year, with three more wins than last season we are expecting a big 2020. I acknowledge the winner of the Melissa McMahon award, Georgie Radford. The big success story is the men's BRL reserve side—premiers, again! I remind members that this club is only five years old and in those five years the senior men's team have won four minor premierships, four premierships, two Ted Beaumont trophies and one Cross River Challenge trophy, and this was their first ever season in the BRL reserve grade. Next year they will field a team in the BRL A-grade after affiliating with the Wynnum Seagulls for season 2020. Up the Pride! For those who are critical of the importance that I place on sport in my electorate, let me just say this: sport allows people, regardless of postcode, the opportunity to shine. I would like to talk about my junior clubs, but I would be here all night!

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Thank you, member for Macalister. We all have our favourite footy teams.