



Speech By  
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 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (7.09 pm): I recently held the first 2021 Mansfield Electorate Youth Advisory Council meeting. Twenty-five new enthusiastic and passionate students met in the world-class science building at Mansfield State High School. Key concepts explored included understandings of leadership; the qualities of influential leaders; and contemporary representations of great leadership. I am proud to share that many of the young leaders identified the Premier of Queensland as an example of a great contemporary leader. I look forward to nurturing and supporting this dynamic group of young leaders throughout 2021.

Despite COVID-19 putting sporting activities on hold last year, Mansfield electorate sporting clubs have started the 2021 season with an incredible swell of new members. Easts Mount Gravatt Junior Rugby League Football Club's season has begun strongly, supporting both junior girls and boys from the age of six years. They have welcomed new local sponsors Hall & Co. Solicitors and have completed much needed renovations during the off-season. The club has appointed a new open women's coach, and the open men's team has competed in three successful preseason games. I am delighted to sponsor the 2021 open women's team and would like to thank committee secretary Shell Muscat for her passion and commitment to our club.

Mount Gravatt Vultures Australian Football Club has undergone a transition to merge the junior and senior clubs. It has a new board, which includes its first female president in Nakari Pratt. I acknowledge club stalwart Kate Guy for her many years of dedication and service. Their junior numbers have grown this year, with record registrations in the Auskick program. The club appreciates the incredible support of AFL Queensland for working to develop this program. I am honoured to sponsor the club's new polo shirts and to provide \$70,000 of Palaszczuk government funding towards the car park upgrade and the new LED scoreboard. The club has also secured new platinum sponsor Southside Toyota for the next two seasons. The Vultures are grateful for the support of this local business.

Finally, the mighty Hawks are rapidly expanding player numbers across all teams, from the four-to seven-year-old girls-only program to the 45 years legends men's teams. In just two years the club has increased its female participation by a massive 359 per cent. It is one of the largest clubs on Brisbane's southside and has strong partnerships to embrace our multicultural community, engaging refugees and our local university students. The Palaszczuk government has also committed \$90,000 for the electrical and lighting upgrades at this club. I thank committee secretary Lisa Mifsud for her tireless commitment to the mighty Hawks.

I congratulate all of our clubs in the Mansfield electorate. I wish them a fantastic 2021 season and particularly encourage our young women to get involved.