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 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (12.36 pm): I rise to pay tribute to the late Norm Moore, who was buried this morning at St Gabriel's church at Carindale. Norm Moore was very small in physical stature, but he was an absolute giant to the Carina Leagues Club. In fact, Norm Moore was one of the founders of the Carina Leagues Club back in 1958. In 2019, because of outstanding voluntary service to Brisbane Rugby League over 60 years, he was given the chairman's volunteer service award.

The reason for Norm Moore getting the Carina Leagues Club set up in 1958 was that at that time Carina was pretty much at the eastern perimeter of Brisbane and it was deemed to be a good place to bring the community together and to give young men and women a start in their Rugby League careers. Norm Moore gave more than six decades—60 years—of voluntary service. It is quite outstanding.

My father passed away about eight years ago. About six months after that, Norm presented a gift to me. He had sifted through all of the old club records—an accumulation of decades—and found old team photos from when my father was a coach or a manager. Norm sifted through those photos in his own time and presented them to me. I have framed them and they are very dear to me.

When people come into this chamber and acknowledge their local heroes, they talk about 20, 30 or 40 years of service. It is not a competition, but Norm worked nonstop over six decades, up until a couple of years ago when he had to stop due to ill health. Even then, he was still there at the club. Over his time, Norm would have seen probably 1,000 or 2,000 juniors come through the ranks, many of whom would have gone on to play at a very senior level.

I pay homage to Norm Moore for a life well lived. Long before it was fashionable and long before the advent of social media, he would dig into his own pocket to help kids who may have been from the wrong side of the tracks or who were economically disadvantaged. He would pay for registration fees and put fuel in the tank so that he could collect them and take them to training or to games. The passing of Norm Moore is so sad. He had an impact on not just the Carina Leagues Club; he had an impact on the whole of the Chatsworth electorate. I pay tribute to a giant, a local legend—Norm Moore.