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 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (6.28 pm): Tonight I rise to talk about a couple of important sporting events in my area. From 2 to 4 November, the First Nations Indigenous Football Cup, presented by Queensland Indigenous Football, will be held at Kinsellas Sports Complex, North Lakes. This is a special carnival that always has a really special atmosphere. The cup involves an open Indigenous men's team competition, an open Indigenous women's team competition, a youth competition and the Reconciliation Shield match. As I said, the carnival always has a special atmosphere with a lot of positive feelings and lot of excited people playing football.

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I pay tribute to the host of the carnival, the North Lakes United Football Club. As I have spoken about before, it is a brand new club that is only a couple of years old. It was formed following the amalgamation of two existing clubs in North Lakes. The club already has 1,400 members. They have a great place to play at the Kinsella Sports Complex. I really like that complex because it was developed through a collaboration between the council and the state government to build the new clubhouse—they have just about finished the terracing at the clubhouse—the fields, the lighting and also the clubhouse on adjacent land at North Lakes State College. It is a real example of what you can achieve in terms of infrastructure when you work closely together. I pay tribute to North Lakes United Football Club for hosting that special event from 2 to 4 November.

The other special sporting event that I want to mention is the Brett Forte Memorial Day hockey match, hosted by Redcliffe Hockey Club. As we all know, Brett Forte was an officer in the Queensland Police Service who tragically lost his life in 2017 while on duty. Every year, the Redcliffe Hockey Club hosts an annual match between the Queensland Police Service and the Redcliffe Hockey Club to raise money for Police Legacy, which is a really important cause.

It is always great to see the Forte family and everyone from the Redcliffe Hockey Club at the match. I pay special tribute to Brett's brothers, Luke and Chris, who still play and coach at the Redcliffe Hockey Club. They are helping the next generation of hockey players. Once again, I thank the Redcliffe Hockey Club, the Queensland Police Service Academy and the Queensland Police Hockey Club. Redcliffe won the match 4-1. It was a really hot day, but it was great to see the kids running around. A lot of money was raised for Police Legacy through raffles and lots of prizes were given away. I love being there and I love seeing that match every year.