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 **Mr SKELTON** (Nicklin—ALP) (2.47 pm): I am pleased to continue updating the House on the good news coming out of Nicklin. As we all know, sports play an essential role in our communities, bringing people together and promoting healthy lifestyles. Nicklin is no exception. As many members may know, Nicklin is home to some of the best sporting teams in the region. Last weekend, the mighty Yandina Raiders Rugby League Club took on the Pomona-Cooran Cutters at their home grounds at the Yandina multisport complex. The Raiders dominated the field, with a final score of 38-4. We must commend player Jesse Brann for his remarkable debut performance which earned him the man-of-the-match award. I apologise to the member for Noosa; that was one of her teams. The Palmwoods Devils seniors team also played on the day, coming up against the Kilcoy Yowies. I am delighted to inform the House that the Devils did not disappoint, with a thrilling 44-10 victory over Kilcoy.

The Nambour Crushers took on the Maroochydore Swans at their brand new clubhouse, provided in part by a \$750,000 contribution from the Palaszczuk government under Works for Queensland. It was a nailbitingly close win of 28-26, but I am glad to report that the Crushers ultimately prevailed under the captaincy of the recently returned Martin Cordwell. The game was a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Crushers and of their fans who have been tirelessly supporting them. I look forward to the weekend, when both the Hinterland Blues AFL team based in Palmwoods and the team from Caloundra that my colleague supports will be taking each other on. I wish all the participants the best. As a community we have much to celebrate and be proud of, especially when it comes to our local sports teams.

With the ongoing support of the Palaszczuk Labor government, the Sunshine Coast's sports stars will be sure to keep shining long into the future. I mention Works for Queensland which has partnered with clubs and the council to deliver much needed infrastructure. I will have the pleasure of representing the Deputy Premier next week when the Palmwoods Warriors soccer club have the official opening of their exceptional facility. I am confident that we will continue to see many more successes in the future and I look forward to sharing them with everyone in this House.