



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### **Howes, Mr C; North Lakes Leopards Rugby Union Club**

 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (9.49 pm): I rise tonight to pay tribute to a stalwart of the regional community, Cameron Howes. He was a player, a coach and a president of the Redcliffe Hockey Club. I am wearing the club tie tonight in tribute to him. Cameron's funeral was last Friday. He passed away relatively unexpectedly aged 61. He was the president of the hockey club, as I said, but he was also a legend of the club. He started with the club when he was five years old and he was active right up until his death in his early sixties. He grew up in Redcliffe. His parents, siblings and kids were involved with the club. I want to pay tribute to his wife, Tina, whom I knew working at the council, and his children, Sophie and Connor.

Cameron was a member of the 1988-89 Redcliffe first division A-grade men's team. They were the first ones to win a division premierships for Redcliffe, which was a very proud moment for the club. He was a fullback; he played with Trevor Barsby. He was a fearsome striker of the ball at the top of the circle, a very powerful player. He played 302 A-grade games for Redcliffe from 1981 to 1999. More importantly, he coached many teams in all divisions, juniors and seniors. He was one of those people who made a real impact in his life and beyond.

The club was devastated to hear of the loss; it is a real loss for the club. I know the club will keep on going. Our Redcliffe Hockey Club is very much a family and friends-based club. There are generations of families closely interconnected who play at the club, which makes the loss of someone like Cameron even more impactful. He organised or helped organise things like the Brett Forte Memorial Day at the Redcliffe Hockey Club to remember Brett Forte. I want to extend my condolences to Tina, Connor, Sophie and all of the Redcliffe Hockey Club. We will keep going, but he will be a great loss to the club.

I want to note that on Saturday I attended the 20-year celebration of the North Lakes Leopards Rugby Union Club, one of the great young sports clubs in the North Lakes area. After only 20 years it is one of the biggest clubs in our region. There are so many juniors, so many parents and volunteers. Our guests were Jeffery Toomaga-Allen, JTA, from the Reds, All Blacks and Samoa, and Elton Flatley. Congratulations to the Leopards.