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Maryborough Magic Basketball

 **Mr BAROUNIS** (Maryborough—LNP) (9.02 pm): I rise today to speak for our Maryborough Magic Basketball under-16 team. Maryborough Magic Basketball is a small amateur basketball association located on the Fraser Coast. It includes a representative program and they have attended the Central Queensland Junior Basketball Competition and the Basketball Queensland State Championships for several years.

Over the last five years there has been a huge focus on providing a representative pathway to players in all age groups from under-12s to under-18s. The current under-16 boys team has had excellent player numbers, with a large percentage of members playing consistently since 2021 in the under-12 competition. From the humble beginnings at their first carnival with seven players, the team has always strived to compete to the best of their ability and play with humility and excellent sportsmanship. These values have been strengthened by the coaches and managers over the past five years and supported by the families. In 2025, seven players returned for the new season. Each week the team resets and focuses on good attitude, full intensity, effort and teamwork.

After the first two carnivals, the Magic under-16 boys team was undefeated and won eight out of eight games. Leading up to the last four games, the coaches took a different approach to player fitness by adopting an alternate training regime. The Magic under-16 boys team will now put its focus on the state championships in Brisbane. As the underdogs in the competition, the Maryborough Magic will find this a very challenging competition but an exciting opportunity for the boys to learn and grow by playing the best teams in the state. The under-16 boys team have made the Maryborough Basketball Association very proud. Through the past five years, it has been a wonderful experience to see the team grow into respectful young men, both on and off the court. Coach Brady McGann has grown up playing basketball for Maryborough Magic. For the past 17 years he has volunteered his time every week coaching local teams. What a wonderful achievement for our local boys to come through the ranks and stay together and achieve this greatness. Our electorate is very proud of our under-16 Maryborough Magic basketball representative team and wishes it all of the best at the state championships in Brisbane.