




Speech By
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 **Mr HUNT** (Nicklin—LNP) (9.30 pm): Winter is coming and what that meant for me when I was a kid was putting the cricket bat away in the cupboard and taking out the footy boots and strapping them on for the Marist Brothers Junior Rugby League Club. Likewise for the junior kids in the area of Nicklin, winter means winter sport. The Nicklin community has some great junior sports clubs, with many of the more popular sports including the mighty Nambour Crushers and Palmwoods Devils Rugby League Club, Nambour Toads Rugby Union, Nambour and Districts Netball Association, various football clubs like Nambour-Yandina United, Woombye Snakes, Palmwoods Warriors, Nambour Wildcats, Cooroora United, the Hinterland Blues Aussie Rules, Nambour Blue Demons and I could name many others. I also want to give a quick shout-out to our Sunshine Coast Ausfunk Cheer and Dance crew about to head to Hawaii for a championship and I was proud to support them with a recent donation. None of those clubs can run without volunteers. On behalf of the community of Nicklin, I want to thank those people—usually parents and grandparents who do not just take their kids to sport but put their hand up to do the important work of administration, coaching, umpiring and volunteer support.

With my 17-year history as the Sergeant in Charge of the PCYC in Nambour, I am acutely aware of the role that kids' participation in sport plays in their development and sense of belonging and community. As the local member, I say to the people of Nicklin: I will advocate strongly for the facilities that you need for your sport. I have met with many of the local sporting clubs and volunteers recently to discuss their needs, and that is why I am excited that our Crisafulli government will soon release funding rounds in the upcoming \$250 million Games On! funding program for generational infrastructure and facilities. I will be encouraging my local sporting groups to apply for the funding that they need for their facilities and I am happy to provide whatever support they require because I want to see as much of that funding as possible flow through to our great clubs in Nicklin.

In the meantime, I say this to the people of Nicklin: get the kids to strap on those boots and netball shoes, head out to your local club, sign them up and also consider putting your hand up to join our wonderful team of local volunteers.