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 **Mr PUCCI** (Logan—LNP) (8.20 pm): Every weekend footy fields, soccer fields, netball courts and the like are alive with energy and excitement across our Logan community. As athletes of all ages come together, the sense of community pride along with healthy and active living is reinvigorating a generation of talented sportspersons to get in the game. Local clubs across our great state may face challenges that, at times, prove troublesome. Realising the special significance that local sporting clubs play within our community, our government has committed itself to the successful implementation of the Get in the Game program. The impact that the Get in the Game initiative is having on local clubs by breathing new life into them is tremendous. It is developing the athletic ability of the younger generation whilst also providing constructive social outlets and infrastructure that, ultimately, adds to the cultural development of our community.

Earlier this year, the initiative came to fruition for several sporting clubs within Logan such as the Park Ridge Pirates junior AFL club, which secured funding for much needed lighting fixtures. The funding will provide the Pirates with an added advantage of extending their training hours after dark as well as facilitating more teams on their training grounds. It was rewarding for the Pirates and the greater community to see this funding support for our local clubs. As I have been working with the clubs over the past 24 months to secure this funding, it is great to see our efforts pay off.

Our community is also home to new codes that are fostering the next generation of stars. Recently, I had the privilege of representing the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, the Hon. Steve Dickson, at the jersey presentation for our state's gridiron team, the Queensland Sundevils. We have men and women gridiron teams, the Logan City Bruins and the Logan City Jets, that train and compete in our community at Hyde Park in the suburb of Regents Park. The rise of the code is providing our youth with even more opportunities to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle.

I believe it is important to support our youth by providing them with opportunities to achieve their full potential. Part of this support is meeting the needs of our growing community. Suburbs such as Logan Village, Yarrabilba and Flagstone are growing. Whilst my campaign to ensure that issues such as public transport and infrastructure remain front and centre in the minds of ministers in this government, we cannot afford to neglect the social and communal obligations of any community. This is why I welcome the newest addition to our local sporting community, the Flagstone Phoenix Junior Rugby League Club. I am proud to sponsor this club. Fielding teams in the under 6 and under 8 competitions, the Phoenix are providing a wonderful opportunity that is taking local children off the couch and getting them onto the paddock. Spurred on by parents and volunteers, our newest club will help in the development of the greater Flagstone community in the years to come. I look forward to continuing my support and strong relationships with not just the Phoenix, but all of Logan's local sporting clubs as, together, we will keep Logan charging.