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MEMBER: Mr KING

### **Kurwongbah Electorate, Sport Infrastructure**



**Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (9.12 pm): I rise to congratulate the Narangba Eagles on finally getting all the funding needed to build their new clubhouse. It has been a little while coming. On 8 April, we turned the first sod on this game-changing project that will include a new canteen, changing rooms, referee rooms and other amenities. I want to thank the City of Moreton Bay and the federal Labor government for funding the project together. It is a project I took to the 2024 election, but sadly the LNP would not match Queensland Labor's commitment when they won, so I went back in to bat for the Eagles and the Narangba Demons, who will soon have the old shared clubhouse all to themselves, and we asked whether federal Labor could fund the shortfall.

I also raised it as a local priority with Councillor Ellie Smith after her election this year. Councillor Smith's predecessor, Darren Grimwade, had initially secured council funding for the project—something we both worked on together with the Eagles' executive. During the 2022 federal election, our Labor candidate committed \$2 million to partner with council to deliver the project. Unfortunately, Labor did not win the seat of Longman, leaving the commitment in limbo. I knocked on the doors of our federal counterparts to make sure they knew what this project would do for our community. I am pleased to say that the commitment was upheld. However, there was still a shortfall, so when the LNP would not deliver my state funding and Labor won the 2025 election I enlisted the help of my colleague and friend the newly elected senator for Queensland, Corrine Mulholland, who came with me to meet the clubs and hear firsthand about the community benefits this project would bring. Senator Mulholland was able to secure the further funding, bringing federal Labor's contribution to the project to \$3 million—almost half the total cost. While the Crisafulli government was busy scrapping electricity rebates and cutting car rego discounts, I was busy getting on with the job and, thanks to federal Labor, we were able to deliver a positive outcome for the locals.

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The next grassroots sports projects I would like to see delivered for Narangba locals—and I have written to the Premier about these—include bigger home bases, in Narangba hopefully, for the Narangba Crows AFL club and the Narangba Rangers Rugby League Football Club. Some of these clubs have doubled their membership and they need bigger fields. I would also like to see the Narangba Bowls Club get a shade sail to protect the members and visitors from the risks of skin cancer and heat stroke. I would be happy to take the sports minister on a tour of all of these clubs so he can see the merits of the projects, meet with the members and work with the Narangba community to help our grassroots community sports.