



7 June 2012

Mr Cliff Donegan
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Dear Mr Donegan,

On 5 June 2012 I mentioned Berwick Football Club in Parliament.

I have enclosed a Hansard extract for your information.

I look forward to seeing the progress of infrastructure upgrades at your ground. If you have any problems during the process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brad Battin'.

Brad Battin MP
Member for Gembrook



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BRAD BATTIN
Member for Gembrook

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Mr **BATTIN** (Gembrook) -- Tonight I rise to request that the Minister for Sport and Recreation visit the Gembrook electorate to tour some of the projects that we have got under way since we came into government but also, and more importantly, to meet the volunteers who make sport in Victoria great. Sport is the life blood of our community. It encourages our young to communicate and stay fit, it involves family and it prevents social isolation. I know the minister in his sport portfolio is very supportive of the Gembrook electorate, as he is of all Victorians in encouraging them to get involved in sport. Sport is the best method of preventing obesity and social isolation and is one of the single best crime prevention strategies in Australia. On a regular weekend nearly 2000 junior football clubs manage to get kids on the ground playing football. Some 42 000 players get out there every weekend. Then there is the involvement of the community and parents as well as the umpiring fraternity, and that is just for football; it does not include soccer, golf, cricket and all the other great sports we have in our state.

The coalition government has demonstrated its support for the many clubs in the Gembrook electorate, and we are on target to deliver on the commitments we made during the last election.

The Gembrook Cockatoo Football Netball Club is only weeks away from receiving \$60 000 for lights that will enable teams to train at night and get more people out there, including juniors and seniors, making sure they stay active. Beaconsfield football and netball club has \$1.5 million coming for new facilities, including lights, a junior ground and a senior ground. It has over 3000 members and players and a couple of hundred volunteers who manage to get plenty of people down to the club every weekend. The Rythdale-Officer-Cardinia football and netball club will receive \$100 000 for an upgrade to its facilities. Planning is under way with Cardinia Shire Council for a new state-of-the-art facility for the club so its players can use the new oval built by the council, ensuring that it will get more people out there being active. Berwick football and netball club will receive \$150 000 for an upgrade to its facilities, including those used by its very strong female football team. Pakenham United Soccer Club will receive \$600 000 for stage 1 of the new soccer stadium in Pakenham.

This upgrade is desperately needed in order to get more people involved in soccer.

I am looking forward to the minister coming to the Gembrook electorate. The most important thing for him to do is thank the volunteers who make football clubs great. They include John Airdrie, president of the Beaconsfield Football Club, and his fantastic team, who are overseeing the project management of their new facility, and Robert Porter, who has been known down at the Rythdale-Officer-Cardinia Football Club -- or ROC Football Club -- to be out mowing the lawns as late as midnight, much to the displeasure of his wife, Carol, and sometimes the neighbours as well. But he does that to make sure people can get out there and be active, because he supports local people in his community -- --

The DEPUTY SPEAKER -- Order! The member's time has expired.