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CLUBS REWARDED FOR BEING GOOD SPORTS

Highfields Junior Rugby Club Inc and Willowburn Sports Club Inc in Toowoomba North have been awarded \$1,000 and \$500 Bligh Government Positive or It's Pointless equipment grants for being a good sport.

"The Highfields Junior Rugby Club Inc and Willowburn Sports Club Inc received the grant simply by signing up to the campaign," Member for Toowoomba North Kerry Shine said.

"This is a wonderful organisation which fosters a love for sport in a positive environment.

"At the end of the day, sport should be fun for all involved, and children should be able to kick a ball around and enjoy their soccer free from negative behaviour.

"I commend the club for signing up to the Positive or It's Pointless campaign, which is all about blowing the whistle on poor player and spectator behaviour at junior matches.

"By building a positive culture at all junior clubs, the campaign hopes to replace negative features such as player violence, abuse of referees and the 'ugly parent'.

"This equipment grant is great news for our local sporting clubs and an opportunity for them to spread the Positive or It's Pointless message."

"The Positive or It's Pointless campaign promotes the principles of integrity, respect and fun to encourage both players and spectators to be good sports in an environment free of harassment or discrimination."

Five ambassadors, who believe strongly in the campaign, will help deliver the positive message.

- Queensland Reds and Wallabies player **Will Genia**
- Brisbane Roar's **Shane Stefanutto**
- Brisbane Lion's mid-fielder **Luke Power**
- Rugby league champion **Cameron Smith**
- Queensland Firebirds champion **Laura Geitz**

"They serve as true role models to young sportsmen and women, and represent a united approach in saying if it's not POSITIVE, it's POINTLESS," Kerry Shine said.

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