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Team effort helps junior AFL club rebuild

A joint effort between the Palaszczuk Government and the AFL Queensland will help Calamvale Leopards rebuild after fire significantly damaged their clubhouse last week.

Minister for Sport Mick de Brenni said the government was proud to support a local AFL community event with \$5,000 in sponsorship to support rebuilding and purchasing new equipment.

The event included a clinic for junior players run by some of the stars of the Brisbane Lions women's team including former Leopard Jade Ransfield.

"While clubs across the state are rebuilding after natural disasters, it's horrible to see a club like the Leopards hit by what looks to be deliberate vandalism," Mr de Brenni said.

"The local Members Duncan Pegg and Leeanne Enoch alerted me to this situation and I am pleased that we have been able to work with the AFLQ to provide this support quickly."

Member for Algester Leeanne Enoch said the sponsorship would help the club be ready for the first games of the season in a fortnight's time.

"We were determined to make sure that kids don't miss out on playing time because of this destructive fire," Ms Enoch said.

"It's great to see that things will be on track for footy to be played in a little under two weeks' time."

Member for Stretton Duncan Pegg said he had a long involvement with the club, and know how important footy season is to local kids.

"Kids sport is so important to our community, and it was great to see the support from the AFL and Brisbane Lions out here today," Mr Pegg said.

"This is one of the great footy clubs of the south side, and that's why I was determined to make sure they got back on their feet as quickly as possible.

"One of these kids will be the next Jade Ransfield, I have no doubt."

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