



QPILCH Street Soccer Tournament
Wednesday 25 July 2012, 4.30pm
New Farm Park

The Hon Paul de Jersey AC
Chief Justice of Queensland

I hear an advertisement every morning by a stockbroking firm which includes the line: “in this life every dollar counts”. I must say that I profoundly disagree with that sentiment.

What matters in this life is happiness.

Now while happiness obviously depends on existing in a secure environment, that state of mind can be fostered by other things, like friendships, like a feeling of inclusion in the community.

There is unjust distribution of resources and capacities within our community, and there is no end in sight to that. But initiatives like today’s go a long way to emphasize we are all citizens together, in a community where mutual respect and assistance must be fostered.

I hope all participants have enjoyed today’s interaction, and I hope this inaugural tournament becomes an annual event.

My having said these things, it is my pleasure and privilege now to present the trophy to the winning team, - but congratulations and best wishes to you all.