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✓ Ashwood MLA Matt Fregon last week spoke in State Parliament, congratulating the Monash Demons All Abilities Football Club for their impressive victory against the Mazenod Panthers. “The member for Glen Waverley and I share a friendly local rivalry with these two clubs,” Mr Fregon said. “The Demons are mine; the Mazenod Panthers used to be mine but are now his. We had a bit of a barbecue on and a bit of rivalry, which will continue every year. I also want to give a shout-out to my elector-



● **Matt Fregon, Ashwood MLA**

ate officer Lisa Williams, who represented me on the day because I was at my son’s footy final, which unfortunately they lost. The trophy that we have now started is named after George Soles. It is called the George Soles Memorial Cup, and it pays tribute to a beloved and respected volunteer with many, many years of dedication to the Demons, being the ground-scorer on game days. He used to come every day – rain, hail, shine, whatever – on his mobility scooter to score. I believe even after his family were not playing anymore he would still do that on a weekly basis. What a great guy. I would like to extend my thanks to Peter Willoughby for his dedication to the Demons as secretary. I look forward to the George Soles Cup being an annual tradition for many years to come,” Mr Fregon said.



✓ **Manningham Council is supporting Dementia Action Week (September 16-22).** Dementia Australia is encouraging everyone to take the first step to learn more about dementia and how you can help shape the community for the better. A Council representative said: We’ve put together a Local Activity Guide for residents of Manningham living with dementia, as well as their carers and support networks. It’s designed to help you easily find out what’s on during Dementia Action Week, and we encourage you to take part.

local families or individuals requiring basic living support in the community. The service will run weekly until November 6. Last year the scheme collected more than 71,000 kgs of household items through Home Cycle. Around 70 per cent of items collected in 2023 were in good enough condition to be rehomed. Another 24 per cent - including textiles - were able to be recycled.

✓ **Whitehorse Council is promoting Home Cycle, a free service to donate second-hand furniture and other household items in good condition for reuse without leaving the comfort of home.** This year the Council has partnered with Eastern Emergency Relief Network to re-distribute reusable items as emergency aid to



✓ **Year 10 student Sienna from Canterbury Girls Secondary College was amongst 280 students, from across Melbourne and regional Victoria to attend one of just three Annual Biomedical Sciences Days at the University of Melbourne.** The local student and her father Robert had the opportunity to experience life as a biomedical scientist at the event presented by the University of Melbourne’s School of Biomedical Sciences and the Gene Technology Access Centre. Students worked alongside researchers in the Gene Technology Access Centre Laboratories learning about a range of disease states.