Mitchelton Football Club has been awarded Level 3 accreditation as part of the Good Sports program, for its work as leaders in reducing the link between alcohol and sport in the community.

The Australian Drug Foundation’s Good Sports program works in communities to make sports clubs safe and healthy. Clubs learn about managing alcohol responsibly to become more family-friendly.

Being a Good Sports club means changing practices and adopting Good Sports policies, such as safe transport options, smoke-free club rooms, alcohol alternative fundraising and training in Responsible Service of Alcohol.

Roger McIntosh, the club’s president said "Level 3 Good Sports Accreditation means a lot to this club as the safety and health of our members is our highest priority. The promotion of a family friendly atmosphere with regards to alcohol and smoking is also a key aspect of our club vision".

Local Member of Parliament, Tim Mander congratulated the Mitchie FC for its work in promoting positive messages and examples around alcohol.

"By being part of the Good Sports program, Club President Roger McIntosh and his team have created a vibrant club that families want to be part of because the emphasis is on the players and the game. The Club’s responsible management of alcohol has set a real example for our local community and for the hundreds of young players who each week develop their skills on the sporting field.

Nicole Little, Good Sports State Manager for Queensland, said alcohol is a leading cause of preventable illness and death in Australia, and breaking the link between alcohol and sport has never been more important.

"By joining Good Sports and achieving accreditation, Mitchelton Football Club is showing the community that they care about the health and wellbeing of their players and members,” she said.

"Congratulations to the club for leading the way in changing Australia’s binge drinking culture."

Good Sports is Australia’s largest preventive health program for the community sporting sector, with over 6500 involved nationally. In Queensland, there is also a
Good Sports Healthy Eating variation of the program to provide advice to sports clubs around healthy eating as well.

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