

**VOLUNTEERS — SPORTS CLUBS — BELMONT ELECTORATE**

*Statement by Member for Belmont*

**MS C.M. ROWE (Belmont)** [12.50 pm]: I wish to acknowledge the incredible contribution to our community made by the dedicated volunteers making our diamond sports, little athletics and netball clubs a reality in my electorate. In no particular order, I wish to thank: from Cloverdale Comets, Stacey Geerlings, Marie Peak, Cheryl Gutta, Kerry Roberts, Shannon Curtis and Leanne Mahoney; from Belmont Little Athletics, Nathan Cunningham, Jacki Walters, Jo Richardson, Natalie Nanut, John Ferguson, Kira Armstrong, Allan Kelly, Bronwyn Ife, Sam Craven and Leo Quaresimin; and from the Belmont Netball Association, Kelly Clarke, Narelle Parker and Anne Deacon. Congratulations to the Belmont Netball Association and the Cloverdale Comets for a fantastic season. The Belmont Netball Association received tier 1 status from Netball WA for the first time and saw a significant increase in participants from recent years, especially in the senior division. The Belmont Netball Association's annual carnival in August had over 70 teams and 2 000 people participate. Congratulations also to the Cloverdale Comets under 13s boys team, who made it to the preliminary final, and the three senior Cloverdale Comets men's teams, who went on to win their grand final—congratulations!

Without all these dedicated volunteers, including those working at the canteen, in the uniform department or umpiring the games, who give up endless hours every week, our local sports clubs simply would not exist. On behalf of all the little softball, T-ball, athletics and netball players in Belmont, I would like to say a huge thank you for all that you do for our community.