

HILLARYS ELECTORATE — YOUNG ATHLETES

Statement by Member for Hillarys

MR P.A. KATSAMBANIS (Hillarys) [12.52 pm]: I would like to celebrate some recent sporting achievements by some extremely talented young athletes in my electorate. In the past 12 months, many young locals have excelled in their chosen sports and have been selected to represent Western Australia at national championships. Some have even achieved national selection to represent Australia internationally. Louis Hadfield represented WA in soccer at the national championships in Coffs Harbour. Audrey Markich represented the state in ice skating in Sydney. Lu du Toit will soon compete in cross-country in Wollongong. Caitlin and Isaac Madden will compete in orienteering in Wagga Wagga. Maddison Toovey not only competed in a triathlon on the Sunshine Coast, but also won and became the national champion. She was also part of the WA team that came fourth in the team relay. Cooper Granland and his team from the northern suburbs of Perth competed in the national baseball tournament in May. They won the tournament and have qualified to compete in the Junior League Baseball World Series in Taylor, Michigan, in the United States from 11 to 18 August. I know that Cooper and the team will do WA and Australia proud. It is always my pleasure to make a small contribution to the costs for each of these young athletes to compete in their chosen sports and represent our state and our nation. Sport and recreation build a stronger, healthier, happier and safer community. Good luck to those athletes and all the other athletes in the electorate of Hillarys.