

BELMONT VOLUNTEER HEROES

Statement by Member for Belmont

MS C.M. ROWE (Belmont) [12.52 pm]: I wish to pay tribute to some of the hardworking local heroes in my community. Without local volunteers, our community groups and sporting clubs would simply not be able to run. I am humbled to acknowledge just a few here today. Firstly, at the Belmont Cricket Club I acknowledge the hard work and effort of the committee, including president, Jason Tobias; vice-president, Dylan Selfe; treasurer, Jason Smythe; secretary, Darren Kavanagh; committee members, Brock Hickey, Ryan Manning and Jason Emmitt. Congratulations to their A-grade side for last season's premiership win! I also acknowledge club volunteers Greg Osbourne and Mark Clemesha, who have both served over 20 years with the club, and Kylie Strother, who manages a very busy canteen every week. Another fantastic, premiership-winning club in our area is the Belmont Bombers. I acknowledge the hardworking president, Mike Brotherton; vice-president, Zane Arkinstall; secretary, Sandra Valantino; treasurer, Sam Paterson; life member and committee member, Adam Lee; and, Leigh Searle, who is the club's junior coordinator. At the Belmont Junior Soccer Club I mention the fantastic committee members, including president, Martin Connolly; Andy Widdis; Neil Fernandes Dodsley; John Russell; vice-president, Jerome Wilson; Narelle Carlon; Linda Jones; Roshan Weddikarra; and Graham Robb. Finally, I acknowledge Tom Lazenby, a resident of Cloverdale, who recently received a WA Volunteer Service Award, in May. Mr Lazenby has served as a volunteer with the Royal Agricultural Society of WA for over 32 years, and this acknowledgement is richly deserved. Thank you to all our local heroes for your service to the electorate of Belmont and the people of Western Australia.