

**CITY OF GOSNELLS — SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

*Statement by Member for Thornlie*

**MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Thornlie)** [12.53 pm]: I would like to congratulate the City of Gosnells, in Perth's south-east, which last month celebrated 60 years of being a local government. On Saturday, 1 July 1961, the Gosnells Road Board became the Shire of Gosnells, following the introduction of the Local Government Act 1960. The 1960s also marked the start of significant change and population growth in the district, with market gardens, poultry farms and orchards transforming into suburbs of residential housing.

As a result of rapid growth, the Shire of Gosnells soon became the Town of Gosnells, and then, in 1977, the City of Gosnells. Today, the City of Gosnells is the sixth-largest local government by population in Western Australia, with more than 133 000 residents and 11 suburbs. It encompasses a mix of housing, parks, commercial and industrial areas, rural areas, and beautiful natural spaces like Ellis Brook Valley and Mary Carroll Park. Today, the city is home to one of the state's most culturally diverse communities, with over 43 per cent of residents born overseas. The second largest Indigenous population in Perth also calls the City of Gosnells home.

I offer my congratulations to the City of Gosnells and its proud community on reaching this significant milestone. I acknowledge in the Speaker's gallery the Mayor of the City of Gosnells, David Goode, and his wife, Jenny; Freeman of the City, former mayor Pat Morris; and CEO Ian Cowie and his wife, Sarah.