

HIGH WYCOMBE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Statement by Member for Forrestfield

MR S.J. PRICE (Forrestfield) [12.59 pm]: From humble beginnings with two teams in 1970, High Wycombe Junior Football Club has grown into the biggest community group in the area with nearly 400 players, and this year it celebrates 50 years as a club. On 29 June 1970, Alan Pomeroy sent the first piece of club correspondence to the Swan Districts Junior Football Council, seeking to form a new junior football club in Maida Vale. The club was originally called the Maida Vale Districts Junior Football Club before changing its name in 1984 to High Wycombe. The club began playing at the Maida Vale Country Club whilst awaiting new grounds to be prepared by the Kalamunda shire. The club colours were set at blue, with red and white bands. Today, the High Wycombe Junior Football Club is based at Scott Reserve in High Wycombe, and boasts nearly 400 players. It runs a strong Auskick program and fields 13 teams in the Swans district's junior competition and youth central conference. It proudly pioneered female football in the area, with one of their past players going on to play in the AFLW for the Dockers. This season, the club is fielding three girls' teams and one women's team. I would like to congratulate the current committee, in particular the president, Greg Geier; vice-president, Dave Jacobson; junior vice-president, Chris Bannister; secretary, Jodie Bain; treasurer, Sean Walsh; and registrar, Sherece Johnson. To all the life members and past and present committee members, with special mention of Floyd Sullivan, thank you for all the countless hours that you have dedicated to the club. As the 2020 season finally gets underway, I hope all the players enjoy a great season. Go the Mighty Bulldogs!

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm