

FORRESTFIELD UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Statement by Member for Forrestfield

MR S.J. PRICE (Forrestfield) [12.57 pm]: The Forrestfield United Soccer Club recently celebrated 40 years of existence. The club has a long history in WA football, and was originally known as Cottesloe Soccer Club when first admitted into the state league competition in 1962. Cottesloe SC then merged with SMA, the Swan Migrant Association, in 1971 to become SMA Cottesloe SC. As SMA was based in the Ascot area, the following year a decision was made to change the club name to Ascot Soccer Club. In the latter stages of 1978, Ascot SC entered into merger discussions with fourth division club Kalamunda United SC, who were based at Hartfield Park in Forrestfield at the time. A third, smaller club called Manning Rovers also came into the mix because it required a new home. The merger went ahead and it entered the state competition in 1979 as Forrestfield United Soccer Club. The club is one of the largest football clubs in Western Australia with over 600 players and 800 members, and it continues to grow every year. It provides the opportunity for local community members to participate in competition, fun, fitness and development regardless of ability and age. Forrestfield United Soccer Club now has a state league team, amateur teams, women's teams, junior teams, junior NPL teams and masters teams. I would like to acknowledge all of the past and present players, their parents and families, the volunteers and the committee. I would also like to acknowledge the continued contributions of the life members of the club, who have played an important and continuous guiding role in the club's development, past and present, and in helping shape its future.