

TREVOR GREGORY — CONDOLENCE

Statement by Member for Warnbro

MR P. PAPALIA (Warnbro) [12.56 pm]: I rise to acknowledge an event that marked the loss of a much-loved young Western Australian, Trevor Gregory. Trev was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in November 2009 and was only 27 years old when he finally succumbed to the disease in September last year. Scores of Trev's family, friends and loved ones, along with a number of people who never knew him, gathered at the Whistling Kite Tavern in Secret Harbour on Sunday, March 13, to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. This tremendous day was part of the annual World's Greatest Shave event, but it was organised in its entirety by Trev's big brother Dave. Dave clearly loved his little brother. Having arranged a much smaller fundraiser last year when his brother was still fighting the disease, Dave threw himself into creating a substantial fundraising event this year, as a special tribute following Trev's death. For months, Dave Gregory built a team of fundraisers, sought donations and coordinated preparations for the event, all while working two jobs and finding time for his partner, Gemma, and son, Harry. Ultimately, the World's Greatest Shave fundraiser was preceded by several days of raffle ticket sales in the Secret Harbour shopping centre and was accompanied by a very impressive sporting memorabilia auction. Through his energy and enthusiasm, and driven by the love of his brother, Dave was able to draw together a range of valuable donations and in-kind contributions that would have made any professional events coordinator envious. His event was an outstanding success. It looks as though he has raised between \$30 000 and \$32 000 for leukaemia research. Trev was obviously deeply loved. His fiancée, Michelle, his parents Graham and Jenny, and his brothers Steve and Derek, and especially Dave, can be justifiably proud of their efforts in support of a great cause and in memory of Trev.