

GOZZY ROCK 2011

Statement by Member for Gosnells

MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells) [12.50 pm]: I rise to congratulate all those people who made the 2011 Gozzy Rock such a fantastic event. I especially want to congratulate the Mayor of the City of Gosnells, Olwen Searle; chief executive officer Ian Cowie; and youth services coordinator Chris Woods for their support and hard work. The Gosnells Youth Advisory Council did an outstanding job. The City of Gosnells YAC is a dedicated group of community-minded young people who plan youth-inspired projects, events and activities such as Gozzy Rock. On the day, the group raised funds for the victims of the Christchurch earthquake.

Despite the very hot weather, crowd numbers were still strong. I am especially pleased that the event is alcohol and drug free and that this enhances the fun atmosphere and spirit of conviviality. After competing in the heats, the final was won by a band known as Stillwater Giants. The event was held in the beautiful Gosnells Centennial Pioneer Park Amphitheatre. Located on the banks of the Canning River, the amphitheatre is a quality venue with a bushland backdrop. Its design allows musicians to perform without fear of causing a disturbance to local residents. Cultural events such as Gozzy Rock bring our community together. Congratulations to the City of Gosnells.