

**BOATING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF WA ANNUAL MARINE AWARDS 2011**

*Statement by Member for Scarborough*

**MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough — Parliamentary Secretary)** [12.54 pm]: I recently attended the Boating Industry Association of WA Annual Marine Awards 2011. The awards were enthusiastically supported. The BIAWA, notably president Geoff Ellis and general manager Sherry Donaldson, is to be congratulated on the excellent turnout, especially given that the event coincided with the very busy set-up of their annual event, the Club Marine Perth Boat Show at Hillarys. According to an Edith Cowan University report recently released by the Department of Commerce, the marine industry is worth around \$400 million a year in direct industry output to the state's economy, and when indirect benefits are included, this figure reaches around \$1 billion.

I congratulate Dr Tom Gourlay, who is the recipient of the inaugural environment award for his report, "Full Scale Boat Wake and Wind Wave Trials on the Swan River", and that great family business, Kirby Marine, which received the WA boat builder of the year award. I also commend Mourits Hayim who, with a 10-year tenure, was the longest-serving president of the BIAWA in its 40-year history. Mourits was recognised for service to the industry with the well-deserved honour of life membership.

There are too many award winners to name them all here, but I single out Sergeant Rod Veal of the WA Water Police and Peter Beattie from the Department of Transport, who shared the government employee service to the industry award 2011 for their tremendous work with the popular and important annual BIAWA event, the Rottneest Safety Convoy. I congratulate the association for its work in keeping this industry, composed of mainly small businesses, focused and cohesive over some very difficult years. I look forward to working with the BIAWA and its members into the future.