

**SCARBOROUGH CLOCK TOWER**

*Statement by Member for Scarborough*

**MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough)** [12.50 pm]: I wish to express my support for the Rotary Club of Scarborough's efforts to preserve the iconic clock tower located at the Scarborough Beach foreshore. The clock tower was built as the popular result of a questionnaire, circulated to the Scarborough community, in response to the state government's request to local organisations to undertake projects to commemorate and celebrate our state's sesquicentenary, the 150<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of establishment. It also recognises Rotary International's seventy-fifth anniversary and the service performed to Rotary by the past district governors from the Rotary Club of Scarborough. The clock tower was built and designed by the Rotary Club of Scarborough for the community of Scarborough in 1979, with sponsorship from others including the City of Stirling. It cost the Rotary Club just under \$200 000 at that time mainly for materials, with most of the other costs for labour and architectural planning written off by providers. Most of those involved in the clock tower's construction are now deceased.

The Rotary clock tower was heritage-listed in 2004 as a community asset bearing Rotary's name. The flagpole was erected in 1989, and since then the members of the Rotary Club of Scarborough have diligently cared for the flag, with the flag being lowered for appropriate occasions. There have been numerous naturalisation ceremonies at the site and each year the community comes together at Christmas for a carols by candlelight event around the clock tower. Unfortunately, the clock tower may be moved under the revised draft Scarborough Beach foreshore master plan to facilitate the sale of some crown land for private development.