

INTER-NATIONS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Statement by Member for Scarborough

MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough) [12.54 pm]: The Doubleview Bowling Club recently hosted a successful fundraiser for Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, the thirty-second inter-nations bowling tournament. The event was well patronised by members of bowling clubs from right across the state, with competitors arranging themselves into countries of origin. While Croatia was identified early as the team to beat, having a history of successes in other years, I am pleased to say that Australia won the competition. A great effort was put in by the other teams, representing Scotland, England, Ireland, New Zealand, Italy, and the rest of the world. It was a fantastic morning, made all the better by the colours of the team shirts and the flags flying on top of the flagpoles. I was interested to meet on the opening morning Mr John Mather, who is one of the founding committee members for this event, which started in 1979. He and some of the other inaugural competitors are still throwing their support behind this event to raise funds “for the kids”—a phrase I heard numerous times from enthusiastic competitors on Saturday morning. I make special mention of Ivan Jakovich and the organising committee and volunteers—Ken Screech, Roger Barnes, Jim Barry, Don Langdon, Harry Jones, Dawn Cockram and Lorna Mott. This year a record \$10 000 was raised over the two-day event, boosting the total amount raised for PMH to well over \$50 000. I also acknowledge the hosts, Doubleview Bowling Club and President Pat Buller, for a well-run event. Congratulations on a fantastic volunteer effort to help raise funds for PMH while partaking in an enjoyable social and sporting event.