

**NETBALL — SOUTHERN RIVER STARS  
SOUTHERN RIVER COLLEGE**

*Statement by Member for Gosnells*

**MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells)** [12.50 pm]: I rise to pay tribute to a group of young ladies from Southern River College—namely, the Southern River Stars. As a testament to their commitment and enthusiasm, the Southern River Stars found their way into the finals from fourth place and went on to win the title of under 17s division 4 premiers in the Southern Districts Netball Association competition against a more highly fancied opposition. The girls—Kaitlyn Pringle, Emily Tamblyn, Emily Cox, Zoe Towie, Chloe Denning, Jade Symons, Blaze-Marie Kingi, Heather-Louise Kingi, Vanessa Weaver and Mezia Van Diemen—are students or former students of Southern River College. They are a credit to their teachers, Blair Pasco and Loren Welsh, who also coached the girls. After finishing last season languishing at the bottom of the ladder, the girls turned up for a new season of training with a renewed commitment and a desire to achieve as a team—and it paid off! Their opposition started strongly, but instead of the girls feeling deflated, they dug deep and put all their training techniques into play and eventually prevailed 40–29. It is a wonderful achievement by these young ladies, who came together and, through a lot of hard work and training, were able to achieve their ultimate goal. It is another fine achievement for Southern River College and its wonderful staff.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to the principal, Everal Pearse, who has been named as a finalist for the WA Secondary Principal of the Year Award. Great educators produce great results. Well done to all of you!