

DOUBLEVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Statement by Member for Scarborough

MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough — Deputy Leader of the Opposition) [12.56 pm]: I was thrilled on Tuesday this week to finally—after 14 months—attend the opening of Doubleview Primary School in my electorate. I was joined by Hon Donna Faragher, MLC; school principal Greg Fisher; deputy principal Suzanne Clanton; and Nicole Tolev. I would like to put on the record my appreciation of Mrs Hillary Abadi, who is the music teacher at the school, and the vocal soloists: Lucie Ollier, Bo Cornelius, Leila Cummings, Anaya Manning and Carys Edwards. They maintained their composure under the significant stress of the technical failings of the backup music and performed admirably in front of a very distinguished audience.

My thanks go to board member Michelle Palethorpe; P&C vice-president Paul Clement; the Mayor of the City of Stirling, Mark Irwin; and people associated with the project, including artist Peter Zappa and architects Linley McKinley and Tony D'Andrea. I would also like to place on the record my appreciation and thanks to Hon Michael Mischin in the other place, who has for the past 14 months relentlessly pursued the Minister for Education and Training, Hon Sue Ellery, to find the time to come to the official opening of the primary school. It was a great event and we have been looking forward to it for a long time. The community is very appreciative of this state-of-the-art educational facility.