

FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP UNITY PITCH

Statement by Member for Scarborough

MR S.N. AUBREY (Scarborough) [12.58 pm]: Scarborough was recently the home of the FIFA Women's World Cup Unity Pitch. Hosted in our iconic amphitheatre overlooking the Indian Ocean, it was a unique opportunity for the state to see why Scarborough is Perth's premier beachside destination and for Scarborough to show the country and the world why Western Australia is the dream state. Last Thursday, I watched proudly as my community turned out in force to celebrate and participate in the Unity Pitch—participation I hope to see at the Aussies later this month, another significant event Tourism WA is bringing to Scarborough. In the words of Perth Glory player Tash Rigby, “You can't be what you can't see.” The Unity Pitch and FIFA Women's World Cup was an amazing opportunity to inspire our young girls and women to play sports. This was especially true with the Unity Pitch being in place on International Women's Day. Scarborough is a community that understands the importance of this. Many of my local clubs are committed to ensuring that they support greater diversity and inclusion. I am committed to working with them as part of the McGowan Labor government to establish Scarborough as a stronghold for diverse participation in sport and recreation so that everyone in our community can benefit from the proven social, mental and physical wellbeing benefits that sport and recreation brings to us, our community and our state. I thank Minister for Tourism Roger Cook, Kirsten Drower, Tessa Marshall and their teams at Tourism WA. I also thank Minister for Sport and Recreation David Templeman, Matt Hayes, Erin Veerhuis, Clint Klymovich and their teams at the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. Thank you for bringing the Unity Pitch to Scarborough and the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 to WA, the dream state.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm