

HARMONY WEEK

Statement by Member for Jandakot

MR Y. MUBARAKAI (Jandakot — Parliamentary Secretary) [12.51 pm]: I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the great success of Harmony Week and the many wonderful events held across Western Australia. Harmony Day, which is on 21 March, falls on Nowruz, a new year celebration for my Zoroastrian faith. Harmony Week is an initiative of the Office of Multicultural Interests, running from 15 to 21 March, and encourages all Western Australians to celebrate our linguistic, cultural and religious diversity. On Saturday, 18 March, I attended the Banglar Mela held by the Bangladesh Australia Association of WA at the Canning Civic Centre Park, and I was pleased to see many people enjoying the lively atmosphere exploring art and culture. In my electorate of Jandakot, the Treeby Community Association held an extremely well attended Harmony Week celebration at the Treeby community oval. On 25 March, I was glad to attend the Malayalam Community Language School's cultural day Harmony Week celebrations, alongside the member for Riverton and a number of councillors from the City of Armadale, at Rossiter Pavilion in Piara Waters. Thank you to Manoj for the invitation to this event. It was great to see that the school's community is thriving in its new location in Piara Waters. I would also like to make special mention of the WA Young Labor Multicultural Festival, an amazing expression of the diversity and vibrancy of cultures thriving at the grassroots level among young people in WA Labor.