

GREAT SOUTHERN GRAMMAR — WA INTERSCHOOL EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Statement by Member for Albany

MR P.B. WATSON (Albany) [12.55 pm]: I am pleased to inform members that Great Southern Grammar is the state secondary school equestrian champion after winning the WA Interschool Equestrian Championships. The event at Brigadoon saw 310 students competing from 85 schools. The Great Southern Grammar team consisted of the Grammar Kalgans of Samantha Cook, Gabby Pither, Josette Fretton and Rebecca Gordon; the Grammar Wombats of Sheridan Weinert, Bronte Van Helden, Sienna Bergersen and Indianna Weinert; and the individual entry of Julia Kershaw. The Kalgans scooped the pool, winning the WA Champion Secondary Team, Champion Rural Team, Champion Most Improved Secondary School Team and Reserve Champion Secondary Dressage Team. The Wombats also did well, with seventh place in the WA Champion Secondary Team, fourth place in the Champion Secondary Dressage Team and third in Champion Rural Team. Some outstanding individual efforts saw Gabby Pither win Reserve Champion Secondary Rural Rider, Reserve Champion 4 Phase Showman and Reserve Champion Overall Secondary Rider. Bronte Van Helden won the Champion 3 Phase Showman and Sienna Bergersen placed second. Gabby Pither won the Champion 4 Phase Showman, with Josette Fretton in second place and Indianna Weinert third. Indianna was also third in the 75 centimetre showjumping class. In the dressage finals, Bronte Van Helden won the Preliminary, Sammy Cook came second in Medium and Gabby Pither was third in Elementary. Four of these students will be selected to represent WA at the National Interschool Championships to be held in Sydney in September, and I wish them all the best of luck. Congratulations must also go to the team manager, Dr Peter Cook, for the work he has done in helping the school to win the championship after first sending a team to the interschool championships three years ago.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr A.P. O’Gorman): I remind members to have a quick look at standing order 38 on how to address the Chair when members enter and leave the chamber. I refer particularly to the member for Riverton.