

**WEST COAST ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM**

*Statement by Member for Joondalup*

**MR A.P. O'GORMAN (Joondalup)** [12.50 pm]: I take this opportunity to congratulate the outstanding achievements of the West Coast Academy of Hospitality and Tourism front-of-house students and staff, chefs and apprentices at the recent Sydney Culinary Challenge. All up, the academy scooped 14 gold, 19 silver and three bronze medals, and the academy was named most outstanding establishment. West Coast firecracker food and beverage lecturer Chad Tilbury put on such a fantastic performance that he was appointed by the World Association of Chefs Societies as maître d' for the world final of the Global Chefs Challenge to be held in Santiago, Chile in January 2010. Chad will join two of our young apprentices who, also in Sydney, won the Nestlé Golden Chef's Hat competition, making them the Australian representatives in the Hans Bueschen challenge in Chile also. The skills, professionalism and dedication of all the students and lecturers who participated in this competition, which is the largest hospitality event in Australia, were outstanding, and I take my hat off to each and every one of them. The director of the West Coast Academy of Hospitality and Tourism, Patrick O'Brien, facilitates the participation in these competitions. The West Coast Academy of Hospitality and Tourism has brought home many national awards, and now it hopes to bring home some international awards.