

**MT HELENA FOOTBALL CLUB**

*Statement by Member for Swan Hills*

**MR F.A. ALBAN (Swan Hills)** [12.54 pm]: After waiting for more than 20 years for funding to upgrade its run-down and outdated facilities, the Mt Helena Football Club asked for help. Together with community members, a campaign was undertaken to establish support, and a concept plan was prepared for this upgrade. A visit by Hon Terry Waldron, MLA, Minister for Sport and Recreation, was facilitated, and his support was evident. Support was also received from Brian Pallister, president of the Hills Football Association. As an indication of the importance of this issue to the hills community, and with the help of the Premier and the Minister for Sport and Recreation, the state government has provided \$150 000, the full amount requested, in the 2012–13 budget. The Mt Helena Football Club and community members such as Peter Valentine, Stewart Luxton and Bob Smith and their supporters are to be congratulated for their determined campaign to provide an important facility for their local community. We thank the Liberal state government for its much-appreciated support. I am very proud to have been part of this process.