

MUNDARING SPORTING CLUB — GOLF COURSE

Statement by Member for Swan Hills

MR F.A. ALBAN (Swan Hills) [12.53 pm]: As member for Swan Hills, I was recently invited to meet with Ray Hart, president of the golf section of Mundaring Sporting Club Inc, in regards to the erosion issues facing its course and assisting it with its submission for a community sporting and recreation facilities fund grant. For some time now this course has been badly eroding due to lack of drainage and insufficient grass cover. These issues have resulted in scarring of the course and deep valleys created by water washing away the top soil. Particular credit must go to Ray Hart for his initial efforts to test drought-resistant grasses at various points on the course and his groundwork to ensure that new grass actually grows, and to Thomas Williams for his surveying work and soil studies. These pilot programs, run in anticipation of a grant, have yielded a variety of successes across parts of the course, and the club's proactive efforts to seek out methods and techniques will allow the course to be utilised for many years to come. Numerous locations along the golf course need attention and I hope the club is successful in its grant application to continue its significant environmental work. Certainly, Ray, Tom and indeed the club as a whole are working hard to find answers to the erosion issues facing them and for this I feel they should be commended.