

**AUSTRALIAN TRANSPLANT GAMES**

*Statement by Member for Joondalup*

**MR A.P. O'GORMAN (Joondalup)** [12.54 pm]: I rise today to compliment the Western Australian group who attended the tenth Australian Transplant Games in Geelong, Victoria, from 16 to 23 September. A team consisting of 12 children and their carers represented WA in a fun-filled week of activities ranging from chess, eight ball and petanque to more challenging events such as swimming and a complete day of track and field. These games are an annual event, providing an opportunity to demonstrate the full and active life people can lead following a transplant. The Australian organ donation rate is amongst the lowest in the world. The awareness and importance of organ donation is increased through events such as the Australian Transplant Games. The kids' events are table tennis, badminton, petanque, eight ball, volleyball, tenpin bowling, athletics - 50-metre to 200-metre races - ball throw, discus, high jump, shot-put, long jump, swimming and archery. Golf and Scrabble were new introductions to these games. WA took 47 medals and brought home the shield for most points won by any state. Of the 12 children who participated, nine had had transplants and three were siblings. The children who took part were Daniel Bradshaw, Kayla Syllivan, Kirsty Hill, Ben Hamilton, Toby Hopkins, Nastassja Hopkins, Anthony Myers, Aiden Hamilton, and Thomas Klopceic. This event is held to prove that there is life after a transplant.