

**WATTLE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR**

*Statement by Member for Forrestfield*

**MR N.W. MORTON (Forrestfield)** [12.52 pm]: On Friday, 21 August, I attended the Wattle Grove Primary School 2014 science fair and I could not help but be impressed by the quality of experiments and presentations given by the students. The primary academic and multi-age academic classes from Wattle Grove and Caladenia Primary Schools came together to share the work they have been doing on their science investigations over the last five weeks. Parents and special guests were invited to view the students' presentations and ask some curly questions, before enjoying morning tea in the library. The knowledge of the students and the confidence with which they presented their experiments and answered my questions was amazing. Some of the experiments included an investigation into the properties of dry ice, while trying to answer questions such as: do different genders react differently to gender neutral questions? I also had a fascinating conversation with a couple of young students about aerodynamics. After recess, awards were presented for the most successful investigations and then the PAC and MAAC students from each of the schools had a chance to view each other's investigations. It was a great pleasure to assist in handing out these awards. In the afternoon, after the science fair had finished, the rest of the school came out for a science tabloid where students in groups rotated through a series of science activities. As a former science teacher, it was also great to see children taking a keen interest in the topic of science and I hope more schools will invest in their students' science future. Congratulations to all the teachers and parent volunteers who made it so much fun for the students and to Wattle Grove's science coordinator, Mr Sanderson, who not only did a great job with the science fair, but also had a significant role in the success of the science tabloid. Congratulations also to Wattle Grove principal, Julie Roberts, and her Caladenia counterpart, Ted Nastasi. They should be very proud of the results they are achieving with the PAC and MAAC programs.