

YOUTH ENVOY AWARD

Statement by Member for Ballajura

MRS PARKER (Ballajura) [12.55 pm]: Last Friday, I had the privilege of attending the assembly at the Ballajura Community College and presenting a Youth Envoy award to year 10 student Blair Main of Ballajura. The Youth Envoy project will see 12 young Western Australians act as ambassadors across the country to encourage community and peer participation in the Centenary of Federation celebrations. Blair impressed the judges in a range of ways including his interest in his peers, broad societal issues and a range of activities in which he is involved. Blair's use of multimedia to present his application was also of interest to the judges. This young ambassador now plans to compile a multimedia diary of his experiences to share with others and to spread the word to his peers about the federation of our nation and its importance to us.

I commend staff members at Ballajura Community College for the support they have given to Blair. I especially congratulate Blair's parents, Ray and Shirley Main. They have set a fine example for their son and have every good reason to be proud of him. Lastly, I record my congratulations to Blair and wish him well for a wonderful year. When we see such fine young people putting themselves forward to take a leadership role in matters of such importance to our nation we have reason to be proud of our youth and optimistic for the future of our nation.