

KEN PERKS — BOWLS WA CLUB COACH OF THE YEAR

Statement by Member for Morley

MR I.M. BRITZA (Morley) [12.58 pm]: I would like to share with members an award recently received by a dedicated Morley Bowling Club member who resides in my electorate. Ken Perks was deservedly awarded the title of 2015–16 Bowls WA Club Coach of the Year for 30 years of commitment and innovation in coaching and lecturing juniors through to seniors throughout the state. This is the second time he has won this prestigious award. Ken is an integral member of the Bayswater sports advisory council and the Bowls WA coaching committee. In particular, a successful initiative of Ken's undertaken last year gave reason for Bowls Australia representative Clive Adams to nominate Ken for the award. Last year, Bowls Australia released a training kit for juniors called Junior Jack Attack. Ken has had a vision about running a program within schools and he could not get his hands on these kits quick enough. This initiative has enabled him to introduce primary school children at two schools to bowls, as a part of their sports lesson during school hours. With the help of two sponsors, Ken purchased two kits. He was instrumental in introducing bowls to two schools and established a 10-week pilot program. Ken has a goal to have as many bowling clubs as possible implement the Junior Jack Attack program, thus enabling a junior bowling section within each club being the norm. This would, of course, be not only beneficial for the children but also a way of ensuring a steady intake of members into the senior section.

Once again, congratulations, Ken; you are a valued member of the community and your efforts are appreciated.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm