

EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY JOONDALUP SOCCER CLUB

Statement by Member for Joondalup

MR A.P. O'GORMAN (Joondalup) [12.50 pm]: I take this opportunity to recognise one of my local sporting clubs, the Edith Cowan University Joondalup Soccer Club. The club started in 1991, essentially as a pub team, with the intention of playing in the Sunday league competition as a social side rather than a competitive one. Since then, the club has progressed to be recognised as one of the premier soccer clubs in this State. The ECU Joondalup Soccer Club won the Western Australian League Cup in 1998 and this year it will appear in the Boral Cup final on Sunday, 6 October.

Some 20 players from the club, along with the club president, Tom McCrisken, and coach, Paul Simmons - commonly known as Geordie - are participating in the Sultan's invitational competition in Brunei. The team members are aged between 16 and 30 and they have been in Brunei since last Thursday. Each year the Sultan invites eight teams from Asia to participate in the Brunei competition. The ECU Joondalup Soccer Club is the first Western Australian team to be invited to that competition, and the president, along with representatives from ECU, hope to negotiate to have the WA league winners invited to Brunei to participate in future years. The club attributes some of its success to the never-ending support of the staff at ECU Joondalup, particularly David Ernst, the sports coordinator. This Saturday the club will host the ECU Centenary Cup at its home ground at ECU Joondalup.