

HOSPITALITY YOUTH SKILLS SHOWCASE

Statement by Member for Joondalup

MR A.P. O'GORMAN (Joondalup) [12.54 pm]: Last Sunday night I attended a hospitality youth skills showcase at the Hyatt Centre. The showcase is a demonstration of the skills of the hospitality students from training organisations across the metropolitan area. They are Hospitality Group Training, Westcoast College Hospitality Academy, Challenger TAFE and Swan TAFE. Some 73 students provided food and beverage service throughout the evening, with food prepared by a further 24 students in the kitchens. The evening was totally arranged by the students, who were led by acting executive chef Robyn Whittaker, with three chefs de cuisine: entrée, Amber Parry; main, Stacey Waters; and dessert, Kristy Di-Iulio. Kristy is a matter of particular pride to me because not only does she come from my electorate, she is also a former patrol leader in the 1st Joondalup Scout Troop, of which I was a leader. Front of house was overseen by acting maître d'hôtel, Melissa Leach. Not only did these students display excellent skills in hospitality, but also, when required to present speeches on behalf of their colleagues, they showed exceptional public speaking skills. Entertainment on the night was provided by the Variety Youth Choir, Mia Slayford, Bautus Capoeira Dancers, Chris Murphy and Murphy's Lore. It is truly great to see the level of talent in this state in the hospitality and entertainment areas.