

## **HOSPITALITY YOUTH SHOWCASE**

*Statement by Member for Joondalup*

**MR A.P. O'GORMAN** (Joondalup) [12.56 pm]: Last Sunday evening I attended a hospitality youth showcase, which the Premier opened. The member for Darling Range also attended. I will inform the House of the excellent event that was staged on that evening. The showcase was organised by Hospitality Group Training and involved students and apprentices from that organisation and also from West Coast, Challenger and Swan TAFE colleges. I congratulate acting executive chef Telina Menzies and acting executive sous chef Katrina Blundson. Both these young women supervised more than 20 apprentice chefs and presided over the preparation of a meal that was not only extremely imaginative but also a taste sensation. The kitchen team was ably assisted by a team of some 70 waitpersons coordinated by acting maître d Llewelyn Baker from West Coast College of TAFE and employed by Joondalup Resort. I believe that I can safely say that all attendees were served to the highest professional standards.

As well as the hospitality trainees, a range of entertainment was provided by young people, which left the audience feeling that it had just attended a first-class Broadway show. A string quartet called Vivace created an ambience for the evening with its exceptional skills. The Retravisoin Variety Youth Choir staged a performance that would not be out of place on a much larger world stage. The choir is a group of amazing young people, some with disabilities. The choir has a unique social and cultural mix. Mia Slayford sang a selection of tunes from a range of films and musicals. Marko Panzic and Matt Rivers performed songs from Crosby, Sinatra and Kelly. Melanie Griffiths performed some of her own compositions, and a group called Ampersound provided dance music.

Finally, I acknowledge Ben Jays, Jazelle Gooch, Telina Menzies, Patrick Carlin, Michael Brit, Kent Mincherton, Stacey Miller and Russell McCarthy.