

**ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM**

*Statement by Member for Joondalup*

**MR A.P. O’GORMAN (Joondalup)** [12.50 pm]: The West Coast Institute of Training has exceeded expectations since it opened its doors to students in 2005. We had a vision for the centre to become WA’s premier training facility back in 2002. I would like to congratulate the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism for receiving a World Association of Chefs Societies recognition of quality culinary education award. Patrick O’Brien has been a strong driver of the academy, which has won numerous awards since opening its doors in 2005. We wanted to establish a world-class facility that provided training to our young people during the resources boom. We saw that it was important to use the boom to develop a skilled workforce that would create new industries and jobs for the future. I am pleased to have been behind the push for the institute to be relocated from Carine to Joondalup and see it transformed into a world-class leader in the provision of culinary training. This is a remarkable achievement and makes the academy one of only four “centres of excellence” worldwide. As the only training provider in Australia to be recognised by the World Association of Chefs Societies, it has the opportunity to attract the best students from across the globe. The academy has engaged with and continues to work in collaboration with industry to ensure that its training is industry led and relevant to individuals, enterprises and the community. On top of the World Associations of Chefs award, the academy also took out the Dilmah professional high tea challenge in Melbourne with Chad Tilbury and Daniel Moore from the academy.