

LIVELIGHTER HARVEY HARVEST FESTIVAL AND MANDURAH CRAB FEST

Statement by Member for Murray–Wellington

MRS R.M.J. CLARKE (Murray–Wellington) [12.52 pm]: I take this opportunity to showcase the south west region to all members and challenge them to experience the highlights of our beautiful communities. Why would members not want to visit our slice of heaven? This Sunday, 15 March, is the LiveLighter Harvey Harvest Festival, the longest-running harvest festival in the south west. Local produce, cooking demonstrations, live music and family friendly entertainment will be on offer, all with the atmosphere of Italy! Come and be a part of the great stomping competition or the street theatre or sample many of Harvey's iconic true paddock-to-plate brands. With a nostalgic Italian feel, there will be something for everyone. Why not stay a while in this gorgeous area? Our beautiful region has a great selection of accommodation options and experiences. Members can immerse themselves fully to truly experience the peace, tranquillity and culture of our relaxing and stunning south west region.

Also being held this week on 14 and 15 March is the Mandurah Crab Fest, the largest free event in Western Australia. This fantastic event attracts more than 100 000 locals and visitors and showcases culture, the location and the blue manna crab. With fantastic cuisine, performances, children's entertainment, cooking demonstrations and heaps of celebrities, this is a fantastic event for everyone.

I pass on my congratulations to all the organisers and volunteers of these fantastic events and thank them all for the important services that they provide to our community. The south west region has so much to offer, and with all this in our backyard, I urge members to grab their friends and family, holiday close to home and support local accommodation and hospitality businesses. I hope to see members around our stunning south west this weekend. They should check out the Do it in WA website for their next staycation.