

**YOKINE LITTLE ATHLETICS**

*Statement by Member for Yokine*

**MR R.C. KUCERA (Yokine)** [12.53 pm]: Last Saturday I had the great pleasure of presenting trophies at the Yokine Little Athletics annual general meeting on trophy night. I was able to meet a great group of children at this event who over the past season strove to do their best in their chosen disciplines on the track, as you would well appreciate, Mr Acting Speaker (Mr P.B. Watson). The club is supported by a great group of volunteers and parents. I especially take my hat off to the recently elected office-bearers who were elected unopposed. They are: Mr Anthony Hodgson, who was elected as the president for the fourth year in a row; Mrs Catherine Lamers, the secretary; Mr Mike Jones, the registrar; and Mr Jim Easterbrook, the treasurer, who has been with little athletics for 30-odd years.

For the record, in the under-7s Haidee Moore was the champion girl, with Sarah Lamers and Chloe Cassidy-Thomas close behind her. Ashley Barnes was the champion boy, with Jack Mitchell and Samuel White runners-up. Sarah Lamers and Jack Mitchell took out the Bendigo Bank trophies for personal best points. In an Olympic year, and with so much talk of childhood obesity, these children in Australian Little Athletics should be absolutely commended for their commitment and for their efforts in and around the parks of Yokine and Dianella. This was my ninth time presenting trophies for the Yokine Little Athletics since I was the Labor candidate in 2000. I look forward to continuing to meet these great kids as they come through Little Athletics for many years to come.