

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT TRUST BILL 2024

Second Reading

Resumed from an earlier stage of the sitting.

MR P.J. RUNDLE (Roe — Deputy Leader of the Opposition) [5.19 pm]: I think it is an appropriate time to discuss the Sports and Entertainment Trust Bill 2024 after just seeing the mess that the government made of the Electoral Amendment Bill 2024. The Attorney General came in here after the March 2021 election rubbing his hands together saying, “I’ve been designing this bill.” It was not on the agenda for the Premier at the time, Hon Mark McGowan. Here is the topic again. We have seen the Attorney General’s weaknesses with electoral reform that the member for Central Wheatbelt has exposed. There will be unintended consequences in the upper house, Attorney General. That house might be quite difficult to deal with in the future with potentially some single-issue parties, no matter who may be in control of the situation at the time. That is a weakness that has been exposed. As I said, electoral reform was not on Mark McGowan’s agenda. He said that seven times in Albany to Dan Mercer when interviewed about the matter. When asked whether he was going to change the upper house, Mark McGowan said that that would not happen; it was not on his agenda. This is what happened. The Attorney General came in, rubbed his hands together and said, “Let’s change the regions; let’s reduce the regional voice.” Sure enough, we now know the stuff that goes with this next piece of electoral reform, along with some things that we have forgotten. Quite frankly, this piece of reform will put a lot of pressure on every single party and their reporting requirements. It has just been rushed in too late as far as I am concerned.

Nonetheless, I am here to talk about the Sports and Entertainment Trust Bill 2024. This is another mess! So many bills that have come in here have lacked transparency: “Look at us! Let’s just barge it through.” Electoral reform, the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill—the list goes on. The government had the embarrassment of *The West Australian* publishing an article about Hon Dr Brad Pettitt being paid X amount a year for sitting on the Standing Committee on Legislation in the upper house, but, funnily enough, this government would not let any bills go to the legislation committee. The government finally decided that it had better show a little integrity and transparency and put the good old Sports and Entertainment Trust Bill 2023 to the Standing Committee on Legislation for it to do some work for which its members are paid. What happened? The committee found that the bill had been introduced into the wrong house. That sums up what this government is all about. It wants to rush every piece of legislation through. There was no time for a briefing for the member for Central Wheatbelt. We saw the same stuff with the Firearms Bill 2024. There are no briefings. No emails go out before a briefing. Members have no information in front of them about what the briefing is about. This is the way this government operates.

Various government speakers talked about great sport and recreation projects and all the rest of it in their electorates. That is great. But we are talking here about the one and only piece of legislation that has been referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation chaired by Hon Dr Sally Talbot. Hon Kate Doust, Hon Dr Brian Walker, Hon Louise Kingston and Hon Shelley Payne worked through the legislation and produced a comprehensive report, for which I congratulate them. Paragraph 12 of the executive summary picked up the flaw —

Clause 56 of the Bill is an appropriation clause. Bills with appropriation clauses must not originate in the Legislative Council. Section 46 of the Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899 provides all appropriation bills shall originate in the Assembly and that a message from the Governor is an essential precondition to the Assembly considering the appropriation bill.

Paragraph 13 reads —

Whilst failure to comply with the provisions of s 46 of the *Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899* will not affect the validity of any Act, the Legislative Assembly may rule the Bill out of order. That House ruled the School Boarding Facilities Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2015 out of order on the same basis.

Paragraph 14 of the executive summary states —

The Committee recommends the Bill be withdrawn from the consideration of the Legislative Council and re-introduced in the Legislative Assembly.

Here we are today. Those members of the committee saw it through and released this report that said that, unfortunately, the Sports and Entertainment Trust Bill 2023 was put into the wrong house and the government needs to start again. As I said, the member for Central Wheatbelt spoke about the lack of time and transparency and other things going on with this government. This one and only bill that has gone to the Standing Committee on Legislation was found to be introduced into the wrong house. I wanted to make that brief point, which I am sure the minister is well aware of.

However, the Sports and Entertainment Trust Bill 2024 is quite a reasonable bill. It relates to VenuesWest, which used to manage one facility at one stage. The original bill was introduced in 1986. The new bill is based on

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recommendations from the Western Australian Sports Centre Trust Act 1986 review conducted between 2015 and 2018. The recommendations were to create a contemporary framework.

We have seen the likes of Optus Stadium, RAC Arena and some other arenas. In a place like Optus Stadium, 60 000 or 55 000 people accumulate in one place and disperse. While on the topic, I go to the odd football game and catch the bus to the arena. I congratulate all those involved with the building of Optus Stadium and the way they kept cars away with everyone travelling by rail or bus. The dispersal of 60-odd thousand people in a short space of time is a real feather in the cap of everyone involved. As the minister knows, Hon “Tuck” Waldron was involved, the member for Central Wheatbelt in her time as Minister for Sport and Recreation was involved and the likes of Ron Alexander, Ronnie Hurst and many others were involved in the building of that stadium.

Mr D.A. Templeman: Johnny McGrath.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Yes, John McGrath.

Mr D.A. Templeman: He did a worldwide tour!

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Yes. With contemporary facilities, lighting and everything else must be right. Optus Stadium has been voted the best stadium in the world on a couple of occasions.

Getting back to the point, it was well designed and well built at a good location central to everything; it is a bit like the State Tennis Centre next door. I am a tennis fan, and I think we have a great site where our juniors from all over the metropolitan area can train every morning and night in a central location. Our state juniors can aspire to play in that sporting precinct. I guess I see it in the same light as the Melbourne Cricket Ground and the Melbourne National Tennis Centre, which everybody goes to in January for the Australian Open. Obviously, they go to the MCG right through the football season. When I look at Optus Stadium and the State Tennis Centre, which are right next to each other and have good rail and bus facilities, to me, they are very similar precincts to those in Melbourne. The minister knows I have been talking to him about how important I think it is. When I look at the likes of our tennis events in early January, tennis players from around the world who are building up to the Australian Open can come to Perth, stay at Crown Perth or somewhere similar, train at the State Tennis Centre and then play at the RAC Arena. In a lot of ways, it is a perfect combination. I am very strong on the State Tennis Centre staying in that particular location.

That aside, I started on the tangent of talking about the fact that VenuesWest once had one facility, but now it has 14 facilities. Things change. When dispersing a crowd of 60 000, or whatever the case may be, there are other security requirements and the like. I think that is where this bill comes to the fore. It will give VenuesWest better clarity, broader powers and greater flexibility to carry out its duties in a contemporary setting. The bill will empower the trust to conduct commercial, retail and promotional activities that are essential for the optimal use of venues and precincts, delivering sport, recreation and entertainment outcomes. Business arrangements will require ministerial approval.

The bill will articulate the management of a portfolio of venues and precincts, improve board governance structures, enable long-term sustainability and growth and enhance public safety. As I pointed out, I think that is important when dealing with large crowds, like those in Optus Stadium. The bill will establish penalties applicable for the failure to disclose material personal interests by board and committee members. I think that is important. It will also provide for an enhanced approach to public safety by allowing the Governor to make regulations on the scope of operational matters regarding trust property. It will exempt the trust from Perth parking levies and council rates. I would not mind that sort of exemption myself, minister! That is a short summary. I think it is important to point out that there was a particular weakness with the Sports and Entertainment Trust Bill 2023.

I want to take the same opportunity taken by some other members in the chamber. As the minister knows, I am a fan of the community sporting and recreation facilities fund. It is so important both to the metropolitan area and to regional shires. It seems to have about a 50–50 split. I think that is good considering that it is pretty tough to gather up the funding in some of our regional areas. Some of our clubs have fewer members and so forth.

I just thought I would list a few of the community sporting and recreation facilities fund grants in the Roe electorate from 2021 to 2024. There was the supply and installation of two unisex toilets and an ablution building for the Jerramungup Sports Club; the extension of the existing gymnastic facility at Kukerin for the Dumbleyung Gymnastics Club and the reconstruction and resurfacing of four courts at the Tenterden Tennis Club in 2022–23 in the Shire of Cranbrook, which is where the member for Cottesloe originally comes from.

If the minister ever gets the opportunity when he is driving to Albany, he should just turn left at Tenterden roadhouse to see the old Tenterden tennis courts out in the bush.

Mr D.A. Templeman: We’ve done a gig there actually.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Okay. Very good.

Mr D.A. Templeman: For the tennis club.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Yes. Well, it is a great little club in the bush.

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Mr D.A. Templeman: It was many years ago. Out in the bush.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Unfortunately, I did not attend that gig. I should have probably gone to the one out at the Kukerin Hotel as well from what I have heard. Nonetheless, I missed both of those.

I must say, I first started playing at the Tenterden Tennis Club in the under-10s many moons ago. It was a great little tournament. It used to always be on Boxing Day, actually. Our family would go to Albany for Christmas and then we would drop through on the way home on Boxing Day and I would play in the junior tournament at Tenterden. I have great memories there.

Of course, there was the reconstruction and resurfacing of five tennis courts at the Bremer Bay Sports Club; the sport and recreation masterplan for the Shire of Ravensthorpe and the construction of the replacement hit-up wall at Kendenup Tennis Club. For the 2023–24 annual forward planning grants, there was the redevelopment of the Esperance Goldfields Surf Life Saving Club clubhouse, which is a fantastic project; the conversion of two seven-rink bowling greens to a 10-rink synthetic bowling green at Kojonup Bowling Club; and the conversion of a grass bowling green to a synthetic surface at Narrogin Bowling Club. I have dropped through there and sponsored a couple of tournaments. Conversions to synthetic bowling greens are very good because they obviously save on greenkeepers fees and help with some of the challenges that these clubs have had. Of course, as the minister well knows, there was the reconstruction of the swimming pool in Dumbleyung with \$1.6 million in funding. That is a very much appreciated grant. It was a 2024–25 forward planning grant.

I was at Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in Dumbleyung about 10 days ago. It was great to see the crowd there. There were 60 or 70 community members listening to Karen Ward tell her story. As I was driving back towards Wagin, I actually saw the shire CEO and president and a couple of consultants looking at the Dumbleyung swimming pool with the drainage situation and so forth. There are moves afoot there. The Shire of Katanning was allocated \$1.2 million for the reconstruction of the oval surface and the installation of five new poles with LED floodlighting of 100 lux at Quartermaine Oval. That is very much appreciated by the community of Katanning and the Katanning Wanderers Football Club, which uses that particular facility. That club is very appreciative. That is what I mean; our regional communities really do appreciate the CSRFF.

Mr K.J.J. Michel: Only Labor is doing it in regional areas.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr P. Lilburne): Thank you, members.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: That is right, member for Pilbara. We know that this government has the tendency to forget regional areas, but on this occasion I want to acknowledge the CSRFF grants and the value they bring to our regional communities. No doubt many other grants have been applied for and I am sure the department is working hard to process them through the system. One that is very close to my heart is the Narrogin sporting precinct, where some work needs to be done on the football clubrooms and change rooms, particularly for our girls' football.

Mr D.A. Templeman: Is this the one that is part of the leisure centre?

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Yes, that is right.

Mr D.A. Templeman: The shire has written to me about that.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: It is a good sporting precinct. The hockey oval at Narrogin draws in hockey players from about a 70 or 80-kilometre radius. They have fantastic competitions right through the weekend and the night. We have produced Olympic players, such as Bevan George from Cuballing, who was the captain of the Australian hockey team at one point. International hockey matches have been played there as well. The Clayton Road precinct also has the trots club, the thoroughbreds, netball, basketball, the swimming pool, the hockey oval and the football oval. It is a great precinct.

Mr D.A. Templeman: There used to be an outdoor swimming pool. Was that closed?

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: That got filled in. There is now a picnic area on the site.

Mr D.A. Templeman: That's the one I used to swim in during my school holidays in Narrogin.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Of course.

Mr D.A. Templeman: So they now have an indoor pool but not the outdoor one.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: That is right. The indoor pool is certainly well used but obviously expensive to run, as all indoor pools are. No doubt the minister will be able to display his swimming talents at the opening of the Dumbleyung swimming pool if he is still in government; otherwise, I will have to swim the first lap! I am sure the people of Dumbleyung will look forward to seeing the minister in action.

I will wrap up my contribution there. As I said, the community sporting and recreation facilities fund is great, especially for our regional communities. We appreciate it. I acknowledge those projects in the Roe electorate and confirm to the minister the value that our communities certainly receive from them. As I said, I am a little sceptical

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about the way in which this bill originated. The government has a propensity to not want to put any of its legislation through the Standing Committee on Legislation. Of course, the one time it did that in this four-year period, funnily enough it was not up to scratch; it had been introduced in the wrong house. We are again debating this bill, being the Sports and Entertainment Trust Bill 2024, when we could not do the Sports and Entertainment Trust Bill 2023. Nonetheless, in general terms, it is a pretty practical bill that will enable VenuesWest to deal with another 13-odd venues in its portfolio, given the changing times, changing size of venues, number of people going to them and changes in the sporting world. I will leave my contribution there, but in general terms we will be supporting the bill.

MRS L.M. O'MALLEY (Bicton) [5.43 pm]: I will second that shout-out to the amazing community sporting and recreation facilities fund program, which supports all our communities in both the regions and the metropolitan area. The Western Australian Sports Centre Trust, trading as VenuesWest, manages Western Australia's most significant sport and entertainment venues and precincts, including the iconic Optus Stadium and flagship RAC Arena, plus 12 other important venues. The WASCT was first introduced in 1986 to provide governance and oversight of Western Australia's major state-owned facilities and has performed this role for many years, directly supporting both high-performance sport and the general public. Since then, the portfolio has undergone significant growth and diversification, expanding from a single facility to now taking in 14 venues that operate under various management models. Although the act has done what it was supposed to do, it has not been updated since it was passed more than 35 years ago, which has hampered VenuesWest's potential to deliver on its strategic priorities.

This bill will provide for a new modern trust—one that will continue to be the government agency responsible for the asset management of the portfolio of venues, supporting high-performance sports, training and competition needs. Important changes will include enabling the trust to conduct commercial, retail and promotional activities and be able to turn to account advertising opportunities. The broader definition of "venues" will allow for a broad portfolio of assets as well as the ability for the minister to declare places and leased venues as venues, accommodating continued growth and flexibility. This bill will provide a significant and long overdue reform to the management of major sports and entertainment assets in this state in recognition of the value of sports and entertainment to our society and the important part that these assets play in making Western Australia a great place to live, work and invest in, and visit. Of course, it is important to acknowledge all the incredible acts that have come to the state in the last 18 months and their importance to our economy.

It is a pleasure to contribute to the debate on the Sports and Entertainment Trust Bill because in doing so I have the opportunity to speak about the important role of sport and sporting clubs in my local electorate of Bicton. Close to home, I would like to acknowledge the role that my local sporting clubs play in the social cohesion of our communities, and express my thanks for the opportunity I have, along with the Cook Labor government, to support these fantastic community organisations to thrive and grow now and into the future.

As I said, sport is an important aspect of life for many in the electorate of Bicton. We know that participation in sport brings with it many benefits, such as community building, the development of leadership skills, economic and job opportunities, physical and mental health benefits and so much more. I am committed to being an enthusiastic, energetic and active local member in my various roles of representation and advocacy, including for my local sporting clubs so that they can continue to score goals for our community. I am particularly pleased to have the opportunity to acknowledge the following projects. The biggest by far is the redevelopment of the East Fremantle oval precinct—go Sharks!—now known as East Fremantle Community Park, to which the Cook Labor government proudly contributed \$25 million. There are no Bulldogs supporters in here.

Ms S.E. Winton: Yes.

Mrs L.M. O'MALLEY: Is the minister a Bulldogs supporter—South Fremantle?

Ms S.E. Winton: Yes.

Mr P.J. Rundle: I am.

Mrs L.M. O'MALLEY: I know the member for Roe is! It gives me great pleasure to remind the Bulldogs supporters in this chamber that East Fremantle Football Club, the mighty Sharks, are of course the reigning premiers in both the men's and women's West Australian Football League competition. Go Sharks!

Mr P.J. Rundle: We're letting you use the oval at the moment.

Mrs L.M. O'MALLEY: That is okay. We will see what happens on 3 August when we meet for the next local derby!

East Fremantle Community Park is a modern, multifaceted sporting, entertainment and recreation destination that provides community space to gather, recreate, exercise and celebrate. The temporary perimeter fencing was recently taken down and I am so pleased to see the new skate park and basketball half court filled with local kids every day. In fact, we have floodlights there, so they are out there being active and having fun until around nine o'clock at night. The all-abilities playground area, the cafe and the restaurant are absolutely going off. It is the most exciting thing to see. It is already becoming a hub for the local community. When we finally get to play our first home

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game there, which is looking like it will be on 13 July, that will be down to the fact that we can build things and get things done. We can set the local environment for the grass to grow, but grass is a natural thing so, sadly, some of those delays have been unavoidable.

Last year, along with my upper house colleague Hon Sue Ellery, member for South Metropolitan Region, I co-sponsored \$200 Woolies vouchers to support all the junior sporting clubs throughout the electorate of Bicton in their fundraising efforts to help cut down the cost of putting on community events and to help maximise their opportunity to raise funds. Additionally, the Cook Labor government will make sport accessible to more families across the electorate of Bicton and beyond by doubling the amount of financial assistance available for each child through the popular KidSport voucher program. Local families that struggle to cover the cost of registering their children in community sport can apply for up to \$300 in KidSport vouchers for each child each financial year. Since December last year, when the winter sports junior registration opened, more than 13 000 vouchers have been provided across the state at a total cost of over \$3 million. As a mum and long-term community sports volunteer, I know firsthand how important small things like that can be when sports registration time rolls around and when putting on fundraisers for new training equipment, sports uniforms or trips away to compete in state or national events. Bicton is home to many great emerging sporting talents who either have been chosen or are working towards representing their school, sporting clubs and communities in elite competition. To achieve at the top level takes exceptional commitment by the athlete and their family. I am proud to support these efforts through sponsorship to help them achieve their goals.

Attadale Netball Club is one of the biggest and fastest growing netballs clubs in the electorate of Bicton. It has over 500 members, which means ensuring that the right needs are met to continue to allow the netball club to grow is essential. The member for Roe might find it interesting that Attadale Netball Club is close to Santa Maria College, which has boarding facilities. A lot of girls who study at Santa Maria also board there. Two seasons ago, Attadale Netball Club reached out directly to the school and welcomed and invited the girls to become members of the club. Previously, the girls would go to various community clubs across the local area. The president of Attadale Netball Club is Lisa Wild, who is absolutely amazing. She is a country girl from Echuca in Victoria. She deliberately attempted to reach out, support and invite those girls to become members. That means there is extra pressure on the club and the local facilities. I believe that around 70 girls go through Santa Maria College. I was proud to commit \$100 000 to Attadale Netball Club for shelters at the current facility at Troy Park. However, the local government, the City of Melville, supported the club's desire to move to Point Walter, near the golf club and the old tennis courts that have been redeveloped. That will help support the club's growth. I am super excited because the courts are just about ready to go. The official opening will be on 22 June. I give a shout-out to the incredible club president, Lisa Wild, and her committee for the amazing work they do for everyone at Attadale Netball Club.

We are also working very hard to level the playing field for women and girls right across Bicton. Work is underway at Wauhup Park to upgrade the female toilet block to service the growing needs of the Fremantle City Football Club, which plays the round ball game, member for Rockingham.

Mrs M.R. Marshall: It is a good club.

Mrs L.M. O'MALLEY: It is a big club. It has the largest number of female competitors for a community club. It is dedicated specifically for girls and women. I am super excited to see that redevelopment underway. There has been a little bit of delay. Upgrading any facility has been a great challenge over the last little while. I also want to give a specific shout-out to the club. Before it was called Fremantle City Football Club—the member for Rockingham would know more about this history than me—it was known as East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club and it merged and became the Fremantle City Football Club. The original club, East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club, recently celebrated its seventieth anniversary. I give a shout-out to Fremantle City Football Club president, Tony Estrano and the women and girls coordinator, David Cain, for the goals they are kicking for female football in Bicton and beyond.

I also give a shout-out to the Fremantle Surf Life Saving Club. Obviously it is not within the electorate of Bicton, but it is the surf lifesaving club of choice for many in our community. All of us Bictonites consider Port Beach and Leighton Beach as our local beaches. I do not have to tell members about the importance of the work of surf lifesaving clubs, in particular the Fremantle Surf Life Saving Club, in ensuring that we are well looked after when we head to the beach. I was proud to deliver \$15 000 for lifesaving and training equipment that is essential for developing the skills of lifesavers so that we can all be better protected at the beach.

I also want to say thank you to the Port Beach Polar Bears and the Beached Whales swim clubs for everything they do for beach protection and beach user safety.

Mr D.A. Templeman: Did you say the beached whales?

Mrs L.M. O'MALLEY: Yes, minister. Beached Whales is a small but mighty club that sits alongside the Polar Bears. It is more about dipping into the ocean than big swims. Its members are often seen with a thermos of coffee enjoying the warmth of the sun post swim.

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Troy Park Sporting Association's facilities are home to multiple junior sporting clubs and community groups, including the Y Striders running club and the Attadale Bombers Junior Football Club. I want to put on the record today that I continue to advocate for the growing needs of the Troy Park sporting community, which is based in Attadale. I have been in discussions with the association over the past few years about the fact that its facilities are no longer fit for purpose, especially to meet the current standards for change rooms to allow for the incredible increase in female participation in football and also cricket. There is a junior cricket club there too. It is an important facility for the Attadale community, and I welcome further discussions about how I can help to meet the growing needs at Troy Park. I would also like to give a sincere thanks to Troy Park Sporting Association's president, Greg Peters, and his committee for their continued advocacy for improving the facilities to meet the needs of the sporting community. It is very complex to participate in and support the needs of active sports in such an environmentally sensitive area. It has a cove and is a migratory route for birds that travel from Siberia to Attadale to hang out over the warmer months when it is winter in the northern hemisphere. Trying to balance the needs of the environment, recreation and active sport is challenging. I give a shout-out to the City of Melville for its work in that regard and for its foreshore master plan. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and the Department of Sport and Recreation are also involved, along with sporting clubs in my community and the broader community.

Winnacott Reserve in Willagee is home to multiple sporting clubs. My kids have played a bit of footy there, not for the Winnacott Kats but for the Paly Demons. The facilities at the reserve are under huge pressure and no longer fit for purpose for the growing needs of the Winnacott Eagles Amateur Football Club and the Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club. The Eagles have a formidable history and culture. It is really important to also note—I will do a bit of an ad here—that this coming Saturday, 15 June, the Winnacott Eagles will hold their second Bravo Memorial Round at Winnacott Reserve.

[Member's time extended.]

Mrs L.M. O'MALLEY: The Eagles are seeking to raise funds for WA Police Legacy in honour of the life of a former player, police constable Anthony "Bravo" Woods, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty in June 2023. As I said, this year's "Bravo" round is scheduled for this coming Saturday. The Eagles are playing against Roleystone. I am super proud to be supporting this year's "Bravo" round. My office has provided assistance to get the word out, organise the printing of flyers and walk those flyers out into the local community as well as help sponsor some of the practical things like extra marquees, as it is going to rain—that kind of stuff. I strongly encourage people throughout the electorate of Bicton and beyond to come along to the "Bravo" round. It will kick off around 11.00 am. Our police minister will be there to make an opening address. It will be a lot of fun with a lot of activity. It will really highlight the importance of our first responders, who are also members of our community; they play sport and they volunteer—all the things that we know and recognise as being important elements of community involvement. I could go on and on.

Mr G. Baker: Please do.

Mrs L.M. O'MALLEY: Yes, I should keep going!

The point that I raised about the Winnacott Kats is important for me because the electoral boundaries will change in 2025. I will have the great pleasure of having the suburb of Willagee and a little bit of O'Connor and Kardinya included within the electoral boundaries of Bicton. I am really excited that I will be able to get out there and do whatever I can to support a whole new community.

I give a special thank you and shout-out to the president of the Winnacott Eagles, Logan Duncan-Smith; secretary Ed Scheepmaker; the Winnacott Kats club president, Jeff Knight, and everyone at the club. They are doing an incredible job. Although I said that it is an old and historic club, in its most recent iteration, it is an evolving club—and still growing. Its players are relatively young, having only transitioned from junior footy to the senior competition about three years ago. It has already jumped a couple of grades, so it is doing super well.

As I said, I am incredibly grateful for the vital role that sporting clubs play in the community. I make it a top priority to help facilitate greater participation and engagement in sports. I absolutely understand the challenges that ageing infrastructure poses. As I said, Winnacott reserve's facilities desperately need an upgrade. Along with those clubs, other very different sports include the very old and historic Melville Water Polo Club and the Fremantle Rowing Club, both of which have produced champions in local sporting competitions all the way through to the elite level, and certainly to Olympic representation.

In conclusion, I acknowledge all sporting clubs throughout the electorate of Bicton, their members, supporters and volunteers who have given so much to their organisations and local communities. I am going to rattle them off: the Attadale Bombers Junior Football Club; the Attadale Netball Club; the Bicton Junior Cricket Club; the Bicton Netball Club; St Christopher's Netball Club; the East Fremantle Junior Cricket Club; the East Fremantle Junior Football Club; the Fremantle City Football Club at Wauhop Park; the Melville Junior Football Club; the Melville Lakers Netball Club; the Melville Water Polo Club; the Palmyra Junior Football Club; and the Winnacott Kats

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Junior Football Club. I am terrified I have missed a club, and I know I am going to hear about it. I feel like I did not mention the Palmyra Rebels Netball Club, which is where my daughter played for a while, so that would be highly remiss of me. If I have missed any club, it was not deliberate; I love each and every one of them equally. I can say that now because my daughter is no longer playing junior competitive club sport. It is so easy to be able to say that.

I thank the clubs once again. I cannot express how important the work they do for the community is to me and everyone throughout the electorate of Bicton. When we support sporting clubs, we build stronger, healthier, happier and safer communities, along with the development of future leaders and the growth of their communities. I will conclude there.

I commend the bill to the house.

MR G. BAKER (South Perth) [6.06 pm]: I rise to speak on the Sports and Entertainment Trust Bill 2024. I will say a few words, and I thank the house for this opportunity.

One of the pleasures of being the member for South Perth is the richness of the local sporting culture. We have great clubs that achieve great things. It is my pleasure to assist and facilitate these clubs into ever greater achievements. Great sporting clubs are not just good for local pride. Involvement in sporting clubs, as the member for Bicton just said, has a large number of health benefits, enabling people to form social hubs in the local community. I will talk about local clubs in a bit more detail later.

First, I want to talk about top-level sport and a major initiative of the Cook government to upgrade the Perth Hockey Stadium to retain its position as the premier hockey program in Australia. I remember when the hockey stadium was built at Curtin University when it was called WAIT—the Western Australian Institute of Technology—in the 1980s. We saw an amazing transformation of local and international hockey. It had the first artificial turf in WA for any sport. I remember watching a world cup match at that stadium—a game between Australia and India. There was a packed stadium. That was a long time ago. When it was built, it was a revolutionary ground, but it has dated an awful lot. The current facility at Curtin University will be transformed into a world-class purpose-built Australian hockey centre with three international hockey pitches, a specialist goalkeeping training facility, an indoor hockey centre and an extensive recovery gym and support facility. It will be fantastic. It will also provide much-needed additional grounds for local hockey clubs such as the South Perth WASPs and the Vic Park Panthers.

I was down at the hockey stadium on Anzac Day watching the traditional Anzac Day clash between the WASPs and the Panthers chatting away to people and I was reminded of a fairly interesting fact: South Perth has the highest concentration of Olympic-level hockey players in the world. In the upcoming Paris Olympics, which is now just weeks away, there is every chance that up to a dozen medals will eventually find their way into trophy cabinets and homes in South Perth. Hockey players are generally casual about their success, but the line between club champion and world champion is a very small step in Perth. Go the Kookaburras!

Two other clubs deserve to be singled out in South Perth. I want to talk about the Perth Redbacks, a basketball club. I might have had some family affiliation with it back in the day. I congratulate the club for its massive growth in membership. It has hundreds of teams, not just members but teams, and thousands of members, with many more potential players turned away every year. Club president Anthony Nixon and his crew do an amazing job of coordinating the club across 24 venues, from Leederville to Belmont and much further afield. From the ranks of Redbacks we have seen champions like Andrew Vlahov and Luc Longley rise to the highest levels of basketball, with Luc picking up three NBA championship rings with the Chicago Bulls. He started with the Redbacks. I cannot go anywhere in South Perth without meeting a Redback parent who spends their weekends trucking their children around multiple venues all over the compass. They are a dedicated lot.

The other club I want to highlight is the Perth Reds volleyball team. It is quite a new club, about a decade old, but its story describes the story of volleyball in WA. It is taking off. When I first met Anthony Meo, president of Reds, the club had nearly 500 members. Now, three years later, it has 1 000, mostly based around South Perth. Its junior ranks are exploding. The club is pressed for facilities, and it tends to use Raktacino Cafe in Salter Point as its office. There are three other volleyball clubs in South Perth. The sporting landscape is changing very quickly. When I grew up there were two sports to play—cricket in summer and football in winter. Now the range of choices is exploding, and parents and children are choosing indoor sports more and more.

It is not only indoor sports that are exploding. Trinity Aquinas Amateur Football Club, a top-level footy club based at Bill Grayden Reserve in South Perth, has added women's and all-ability grades, like most other amateur teams. This has resulted in an increased use of its training grounds. The state government, through the community sporting and recreation facilities fund grants, has assisted with grants towards new LED lights, which enables the club to use its single ground much more intensively. LED lights are the best way to create extra facility capacity at low cost. We are using the same technology at Hensman Park Tennis Club; James Miller Oval, which is the home of the Manning Rippers; Manning Memorial Bowling Club, which is the home of the Eagles, and the best bowls club in Perth; and the South Perth tennis club. In addition to this, we are using community sporting and recreation

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facilities fund support for surface upgrades at the Como Croquet Club and the Como Bowling and Recreation Club. Those grants were all gratefully received by those clubs. It allows them to expand their programs enormously.

With state government support, we have placed St John Ambulance defibrillators at South Perth Bowling Club, Como Bowling Club, Manning Rippers Amateur Football Club, Trinity Aquinas Amateur Football Club, at the scented garden on the South Perth foreshore and the Moresby Street Hall. We want our playing ground to be safe as well as fun. While I mention the Manning clubs, I will single out Rod Philp of Manning Rippers and Manning Tennis Club, who has devoted years of volunteer service to our sporting clubs, behind the scenes and behind the bar. Many people appreciate your work, Rod—well done.

I did say I was going to make a brief contribution—it is quite brief—but the last thing I want to talk about is recent federal grants to improve sporting facilities across South Perth. Those have gone to a number of clubs that are massively expanding their offering to female athletes. Those clubs include the Trinity Aquinas Football Club, which I have already spoken about; South Perth Rugby League Club, at George Burnett Park; South Perth United Football Club, at Challenger Reserve and the WASP Hockey Club, at Richardson Park. These clubs have been fielding an increasing number of teams, as they expand their offering to more grades of female athletes. The Sam Kerr effect has been very strong indeed. To do this, clubs need extra change rooms and more lights for night-time practice. I have been to these clubs many times and seen how squished they are for changing room space on game day. It is a very complicated business getting all the teams in and out of change rooms, especially when it is a men's team running out and the women's team coming in or vice versa. The difficulty of running men's and women's teams out of one change room is quite obvious. What often happens is that the women players end up changing in their cars or at home and not using the change rooms.

There will be some new change rooms at Morris Mundy Reserve in Kensington. Morris Mundy Reserve is, of course, the very famous place where Andrew Vlahof shirt-fronted me when I was playing under-14s football. It was a great day. I got a free kick and a concussion. This huge expansion of sporting facilities has come about because of the work of Zaneta Mascarenhas, the federal member for Swan. It is a rabbit out of a hat trick, so I want to say thank you to Zaneta Mascarenhas. She has been working with me, the local clubs and Mayor Greg Milner from the City of South Perth. Thank you very much for this one.

Minister, I may not have spoken particularly about the trust and the details of the trust, but this is a wonderful bill and I commend it to the house.

MS A.E. KENT (Kalgoorlie) [6.15 pm]: I rise today to add my contribution to the Sports and Entertainment Trust Bill 2024. This bill will provide a range of reforms, including the significant and long-overdue reform of the management of major sports and entertainment assets in this state. This is in recognition of the value of sports and entertainment venues that make up our society and the part that these assets play in making WA a great place to live, work and invest in, and to visit.

Sport is important in any regional community, and the goldfields is no different. It is the social fabric that glues a community together. The goldfields has played its part in making history within sports. The goldfields of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries was renowned for not only its mineral wealth, but also the emergence of talented sports players who left a lasting impact on the local sporting landscape. Let me tell you about some of the lives and contributions of some of the most famous sports players from the goldfields.

Terry Walsh was a field hockey coach and a former player who played as a striker for Australia. He represented Australia in two Olympic Games, winning a silver medal at the 1976 Games in Montreal. Members who are Eagles fans will remember the role that Dom Sheed played in the grand final. He is a goldfields boy. Eddie Betts was a professional Australian rules footballer—I am sure many people have heard who he is. He used to play for the Carlton Football Club, but proudly names himself as a Kalgoorlie–Boulder boy.

We go back in time to Walter Lindrum, who was an Australian professional player of English billiards. He held the World Professional Billiards Championship from 1933 until his retirement in 1950. Graham Vivian Marsh, MBE, was one of the leading Australian professional golfers of his generation. He won over 70 tournaments around the world—another Kalgoorlie boy. Finally, another Eagle—Dean Kemp was born in Kalgoorlie and is a former Australian rules footballer who played for the West Coast Eagles. I am sure there are many more who I have forgotten, but this is why as a state government we acknowledge the difference made by putting funding into sports in regional communities.

I was pleased to fund \$70 000 for a new BMX track in Kalgoorlie–Boulder. It has been a massive hit with all the kids who love this sport. Making a difference is why the \$70 000 was provided to the Eastern Goldfields Hockey Association through the Cook Labor government's club night lights program—it made such a difference. I also funded \$30 000 for new shaded dugouts. I committed \$60 000 to install a lift at Railways Football and Sporting Club, to ensure that football supporters, injured players and disabled people can all enjoy the clubrooms. The community

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in Leonora can enjoy a multi-facility court because of the \$100 000 I provided in a commitment to resurface the basketball and tennis courts.

The youth in Kalgoorlie–Boulder will soon be able to enjoy a youth precinct. The Cook Labor government has funded almost \$5 million for the precinct, which will consist of a skate park, a pump track, a playscape, multipurpose sports courts, fitness zones and a youth hub. Making a difference is why I provided \$26 000 for security screens at the Kalgoorlie–Boulder Bowling Club and \$20 000 for a shed and disabled toilet for the Boulder Bowling Club. It is why I provided \$20 000 to upgrade holes for the Nullarbor Golf Link.

Today I want to share with members the story of an incredible young woman. I have spoken about her before in this house. Ashlee Monaghan is a year 10 student at John Paul College in Kalgoorlie. Although she has participated in Eagles Cup football, interschool basketball, netball, cricket, swimming, athletics and volleyball, it is in basketball that Ashlee has excelled. Ashlee has been selected for numerous representative teams over the past years for her excellence in basketball. She has been selected into Basketball WA programs over the last four years. Ashlee is in her second year as a contracted player in the semi-professional WA basketball league Goldfields Giants NBL1 West women's team. She puts a tremendous effort into training, taking on much older players with enthusiasm and tenacity. She has represented the goldfields–Esperance region in the country championships for the last three years, and in 2022 she participated in the under-16, under-18 and state championships, at which she won the “all star” for both weekends. Since then, Ashlee's achievements have continued. Ashlee was selected into the under-18 Basketball WA country women's basketball state team and represented WA at the nationals in Brisbane in April this year. This was the fifth year in a row that Ashlee has been selected by Basketball WA in a representative team. Let us remember that she is only in year 10.

The big news is that in July this year, Ashlee will be participating in the Amateur Athletic Union basketball tour to America with hosts the AUSA Hoops. This opportunity will provide Ashlee with a platform to compete against talented American players, showcase her skills and give her exposure to American coaches and scouts, to possibly earn a US college basketball scholarship. I want to outline Ashlee's amazing sporting prowess because what she and her teammates want and need is a state-of-the-art basketball stadium. That is why I advocated strongly on behalf of the Kalgoorlie–Boulder Basketball Association to rebuild the outdated Niels Hansen Basketball Stadium in Kalgoorlie–Boulder. The stadium has three indoor courts that were built 43 years ago and two outdoor courts that are bitumen and inappropriate for anything other than casual use. The indoor courts do not have sprung floors and are not ideal for basketball. The area is also heavily used by other indoor sports. The changing rooms, toilet facilities and other rooms were a disgrace for an NBL facility. It is clear that there is a need for this type of facility in the goldfields, so I was immensely proud to advocate for the Labor government to provide an initial \$5 million to build the stadium, and recently I was so pleased to announce an additional \$1.8 million that is being provided to meet the rising costs of the build so that nothing is left off in this stadium. I am also pleased to announce that this new stadium is well underway and scheduled for completion in November 2024. On completion, it will feature two additional indoor courts, one as a show court with tiered spectator seating. The upgrades will also include refurbished existing courts, seating for more than a thousand spectators, separate women's and men's home and away team changing rooms, offices, function rooms and kitchen and first-aid areas. The stadium will be used for not only basketball, but also badminton, volleyball and netball. It is safe to say that thousands of goldfields community members—adults and children who love basketball—are very excited to see this stadium finished. The Minister for Sport and Recreation himself was out there at the basketball stadium last year, and very recently the Minister for Regional Development put a hard hat on to come and check out the facilities and was very impressed. But I would like to say that no-one will be more impressed than Ashlee Monaghan, who is very excited to see this new stadium.

I have heard a number of my other colleagues mention park runs in their speeches today. The park run in Kalgoorlie–Boulder is run at Karlkurla Bushland Park, which is a wonderful setting in the goldfields. Some 100 people go along to that park run every Saturday morning. The volunteers do an amazing job there. For some time, I have added my little bit of time and volunteered there. This Saturday, again, I will be scanning people's barcodes if they are out there doing the park run in Kalgoorlie.

In conclusion, I am proud of the wonderful sports players in Kalgoorlie–Boulder and the goldfields and I am proud to be part of a government that values those athletes and provides funding and support for them. I am really thrilled to commend the bill to the house.

MS E.J. KELSBIE (Warren–Blackwood) [6.24 pm]: I rise today to make a contribution to the debate on the Sports and Entertainment Trust Bill 2024. The bill will repeal the outdated Western Australian Sports Centre Trust Act 1986 and the Western Australian Sports Centre Trust, which trades as VenuesWest, and will create the sports and entertainment trust and provide the trust with a clear and temporary framework with which to deliver outcomes.

We are a sporting nation—it is in our DNA—and I can tell members that regional sport, let alone regional entertainment, plays a huge part in creating a diverse fabric in our communities, as well as keeping them vibrant. This

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bill gives me a great opportunity to talk—or brag, really—about Warren–Blackwood. As part of the 2024–25 state budget, more than \$165 million is being invested in the outdoor adventure tourism package to encourage more West Aussies to explore every corner of the state. It will support new and upgraded boating facilities, campgrounds, trails and tourism attractions across WA. This includes \$30 million for 11 projects in and around Warren–Blackwood. We got a good chunk of that pie.

Mr D.A. Templeman: You did.

Ms E.J. KELSBIE: We did. I have been advocating for investment in the Leeuwin–Naturaliste National Park since being elected. It was awesome to announce \$17.5 million to go towards completing the Wadandi track. The proposed works will connect and improve the walking and cycling trail. The track is currently incomplete with two separate sections and significant sections that are often impassable during winter. Once complete, this track will extend to 110 kilometres—that is 110 kilometres of world-class walking and cycling trails. I can tell members that the Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association and the Shire of Augusta–Margaret River, which have also been advocating for investment in the park, are very pleased with our announcement.

I spend a lot of time in Pemberton. It is a place I love. I was there just last week. There are beautiful forests, friendly people, and great places to eat, drink and play. I also have vivid memories of being a kid and visiting Pemby on a school camp and climbing that big tree. I am proud that the Cook Labor government is investing \$5 million for school camps operations and maintenance, including funding for the beloved Pemberton Camp School, and we are putting \$3 million towards repairs, upgrades and reinstatements of the Gloucester and Bicentennial trees. The funding will also be used to investigate alternative climbing locations near Pemberton. In recent years, I have also taken part in the Pemby Trail Fest, doing the five-kilometre Perth trail run with my friend and colleague the member for Dawesville, Lisa Munday, and friends from the Denmark Running Club who do the full festival. There is a fairy night fun run on the Friday, five kays up to 50 kays on the Saturday, a trail half marathon, runs of 10 kays or five kays, and then a dip in the Pemberton swimming pool afterwards. We did a five-kilometre run uphill. It is a great event and in case members fancy having a go, it is 11 to 13 October this year. It is three days of adventure in breathtaking wilderness, but from my perspective there was a lot of huffing and puffing going up those hills. In saying that, I will probably give it another go this year. Lisa, if you are up for it—October, five kays, Pemberton!

In Pemberton, we also host the Karri Valley Triathlon, which showcases the beautiful south west and provides triathletes from across our state with a unique racing experience. I know this because I have given that a crack, too! I get to open these events. If I have to be there speaking, I might as well take part! Most members know that I am a swimmer, and of course I do the short swim course. Last year I did the run, too. Although I have a friend who tackles the ride, there is no way members will ever find me cycling in these events—certainly not road cycling, let alone up and down those big hills near Channybearup. I will leave that for the Premier and the member for Thornlie, who I know are both keen cyclists.

I have worked alongside the Pemberton Mountain Bike Club, tourism operators including Pemberton Discovery Tours, the visitor centre in Pemberton, the Shire of Manjimup and local riders to advocate for investment into Pemberton as it strives to become a trail town. It was my absolute pleasure to call key stakeholders to let them know that the Cook Labor government was going to invest \$8 million in the Pemberton trails masterplan. It is an understatement to say that that was well received; it was incredibly well received. As the news went round town and across to Manjimup, I received many texts. The \$8 million for the Pemberton trails masterplan will enable further tourism and travel development in the area, with a view of developing Pemberton into a recognised trail town. We talked about it the other day with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. It will possibly be one of the only trails that finishes downhill, potentially at the local pub, which would be great. The pub was very happy with that news. Now we are talking! It is a great pub, too. The Pemberton Hotel is a ripper. I was there last week. The Big Brook Arboretum campground is also hugely popular and is located a few kilometres from Pemberton town centre. We are investing \$750 000 to upgrade and lift the campground to meet contemporary standards and cater for increased visitor numbers.

Warren–Blackwood has the best tracks and trails, including Bibbulmun and Munda Biddi, and outdoor experiences. I am proud that we are not only recognising these and promoting them, but also investing in upgrading tracks and campgrounds, and delivering new and exciting experiences across Warren–Blackwood, all the while preserving our unique and diverse environment. I have a list. We are investing \$1.5 million to formalise coastal camping sites in—I always say this wrong—D'Entrecasteaux National Park. This investment will enable the planning, design and construction of coastal camping sites and the rehabilitation of disturbed camping areas to Warren River, Yeagerup, Gardiner and Coodamurrup. We are investing \$250 000 for the Crystal Springs campground redesign and upgrade, west of Walpole. It is a great little spot. We are investing \$250 000 for the refurbishment of existing and aged campgrounds in Warren National Park. Draftys and Warren campground are both really popular and desperately need upgrades. This funding will enable that to happen. We are also putting in \$250 000 for the Greens Island campground redesign and upgrade along the Donnelley River near Manjimup. Then there is \$950 000 for the renewal of three Cape to Cape track campgrounds: Mt Duckworth, Moses Rock and Ellensbrook. This funding is

also to cater for increasing visitation. Then there is \$250 000 for the Conto Campground, which is along the Cape to Cape track, to upgrade access to sites and improve visitor flow within camp loops. The Cape to Cape track is on my bucket list. My good friend Raneer Sidhu and the crew from the Denmark Running Club completed the track last year. They tell me it is challenging but fabulous all at the same time.

I am proud that just over 12 months ago, the Cook Labor government invested \$2.7 million into WA's most popular national park, the Leeuwin–Naturaliste National Park, with major upgrades to the Cape to Cape track and visitor signage. The Cape to Cape track is an iconic track and one of the best in our fine state. It is a jewel in the south west. There was \$2 million spent to enhance the experience for hikers over the 125-kilometre track. This includes improvements to the track surface, infrastructure upgrades and trail realignments to protect culturally sensitive sites and for erosion management, with \$700 000 being spent on visitor signage to help with wayfinding. This funding was part of our government's \$17.7 million national park tourism experiences development program to help develop new, environmentally sensitive tourism experiences and accommodation in WA national parks.

Just last week, I attended the trail tourism experience development workshop, and took part in a question-and-answer panel to talk about the amazing experiences, opportunities and immense potential of trail tourism in Warren–Blackwood. The workshop was hosted at Ampersand Estates Winery, which is nestled between Pemberton and Nannup. It is another beautiful little winery and distillery in an amazing setting, just in case members are down that way. The workshop was run by Tourism WA's great southern and south west tourism experience development managers and included discussions around the global demand for trail tourism, presentations that provided valuable insights from a comprehensive analysis of product, and we looked at experience gaps in the south west. It was great to hear from local businesses, including Three Tanks Cycling Nannup and Aerial Adventure Pemberton, about the opportunities they harnessed to grow their tourism products locally and further afield with the support of the state government. It was also really exciting to hear about new products being created for the tourism market, from guided trails to bike packing. I think there was even kayak packing as well!

As an electorate, Warren–Blackwood is one of a kind. We have native forests, awesome surf, swimming and fishing spots, and world-class sporting events like the Western Australia Margaret River Pro and UCI Gravel World Championships in Nannup. We have some of the best music festivals, including Nannup Music Festival, Boyup Brook Country Music Festival, Bridgetown Blues Festival and Denmark's Festival of the Voice. I am pretty sure we have just about got all the genres covered! We also have outstanding food and wine festivals, including Truffle Kerfuffle, which is coming up soon; Manjimup Cherry Harmony Festival; Cabin Fever; Fine Vines Festival; Taste Great Southern; and the newly announced Pair'd in Margaret River. As for our arts scene, it is second to none. We have arts trails, festivals and hubs, including the Blackwood River Arts Trail; Margaret River Readers and Writers Festivals, which was another ripper this year; Denmark Arts Brave New Works festival; Margaret River Open Studios; and the Southern Art and Craft Trail.

From tulip festivals to music festivals, the south west and great southern regions have people covered when it comes to an awesome events program. We are the place to be. We are committed to supporting local acts and regional events, and one of the ways that we, as a state government, are doing this is through our 2024–25 regional events scheme, with \$1.2 million awarded to 73 events across our state. The annual funding round supports smaller and developing regional events, which help to attract new visitors to WA's five tourism regions and stimulate local economies. It also includes \$250 000 for the regional Aboriginal events scheme to support events that showcase and celebrate Aboriginal activities or experiences through the leadership and participation of Aboriginal people. In 2024–25, the regional Aboriginal events scheme will support the Bunuru Festival in Margaret River, which is being held in February next year. In this year's funding, we have 16 new events across WA, including one new event in Warren–Blackwood, the Perth International Jazz Festival, which will be coming on tour across the south west in November. Other existing events in Warren–Blackwood that will be funded through the regional events scheme in 2024–25 include the Nannup Flower and Garden Festival in August; Margaret River Region Open Studios in September, Fine Vines Festival in October in Margaret River; Boyup Brook Country Music Festival next February; and the Nannup Music Festival in February to March next year.

Warren–Blackwood is home to incredibly passionate and active theatre groups, including the Manjimup Repertory Club and Bridgetown Repertory Theatre. Both groups were successful in round one of the community small grants fund for building repairs, upgrades and expansions to their theatres. I have visited the Bridgetown Repertory Theatre, toured the amazing costume store—it is massive—and met members of the group, including the cast and the lighting and backstage crew. In Denmark, the Denmark Village theatre is the toast of the town during the festive season with its annual pantomime performances. Across Warren–Blackwood, we also have a super healthy mountain biking culture. From Mt Barker and Denmark to Pemberton, Nannup, Margaret River and Bridgetown, it is buzzing and only getting bigger and better. Recently, I was in Augusta talking to somebody who really wants to see mountain biking grow even more in that area of the electorate. Kudos goes to all the volunteers who work really hard to keep these clubs active and growing, and embracing and encouraging not only competition opportunities, but also the

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engagement of people of all ages and abilities. I have had a go at mountain biking in Dwellingup, but it is not for me. I am an e-biker, so no jumps, tricks or downhill racing for this member for Warren–Blackwood!

When it comes to bringing people together, my electorate has really strong speedway families with tracks and clubs in Mt Barker, Manjimup and Margaret River. I believe the Manjimup and Margaret River clubs are sister clubs. I worked alongside Manjimup Speedway's Rose Moyle. She is a powerhouse in "Manji" when it comes to advocating for investment in the Manjimup Speedway club for upgrades, to help grow its member base and get more people together. The Manjimup Speedway club received just under \$200 000 from the Cook Labor government's club night lights program to support the club's community projects including the installation of 200-lux LED lighting for the speedway. It was also successful in the first round of the community small grants fund. These grants form part of the \$80 million native forestry transition plan, established after our government's historic decision to end commercial-scale logging in our south west native forests.

I meet and chat with a lot of young people across Warren–Blackwood. In Denmark, the needs and wants of our skateboarding community have been raised with me—and often. Most recently, I was at a really well attended youth week event held at our current skate park and co-hosted by our newly formed Denmark skate club. I was very pleased to announce that the Shire of Denmark was amongst recipients of the community sporting and recreation facilities fund, securing just under \$700 000 for the beginnings of stage 1 for a new skate park. Alongside that will be a multipurpose court, a table tennis table and a bouldering wall. They are going to create a new youth precinct down at Berridge Park. That is a great outcome and one that has been really well received by my community. The shire is also putting in over \$1 million to the project.

These grants enable community organisations, local governments and sport and rec clubs to apply for and receive funds to support the development of high-quality infrastructure and environments for sport and recreation activities. I have been advocating for an upgrade to our skate park for years. This is a great announcement for our local community and for visitors to our town who will benefit from the upgrades to Berridge Park precinct. I was known to be at skate events in Margaret River and be taking photographs of their fabulous skate park, texting them to the president of the Shire of Denmark saying, "How soon can we get one of these, please?" Our government's investment, adding to the shire's significant investment, will go towards construction of stage 1. From my many conversations with community members, especially our young leaders, I know a new skate park, let alone a multipurpose court and a climbing wall, is something families in our community really want. I cannot wait to see this get underway and see Berridge Park precinct get a new breath of life. I will not be skating. That is something I will also not do.

Another project that has received Cook Labor government funding under the community sporting and recreation facilities fund is the Bridgetown Golf Club. The club received \$700 000 towards construction of a new clubhouse. I have met with club members on numerous occasions and had been advocating for the club to work with other community groups to extend the usability of the clubhouse they wanted to build and therefore extend their opportunities to secure funding. I am proud to have advocated for this project after the club burnt down in the Hester Brook fires in 2022. Not only will it now be a great asset for our golfing community but it will also be a great community space for groups like the Bridgetown mountain bike and cycling clubs. A massive well done to all involved, especially for not giving up when it came to pushing for the club's redevelopment.

Most members know I am an avid swimmer—an ocean swimmer. I have done the Rottneest Channel Swim a few times. Last year I crewed for my daughter's team. They made it about seven kilometres before the swim was called off due to woeful weather. I have done the Busselton Jetty Swim three times, once with the member for Mirrabooka, member for Scarborough and the now Premier Roger Cook. I am the first member of Parliament to complete the solo swim. I have competed in numerous teams in numerous adventure races from Augusta to Dunsborough over many years. As I say, I have had a crack twice at the Karri Valley Triathlon.

[Member's time extended.]

Ms E.J. KELSBIE: I do the Southern Ocean Classic Mile every year in my hometown at Ocean Beach. This year, I officially opened and competed in the Gracetown Bay Swim. I believe the Minister for Environment commented on my attire when I was on the podium, as I was in my bathers! I also spoke at and swam the inaugural two-kilometre Swim Goribilyup at Augusta, which was run by the ever-inspiring Charlotte O'Beirne—"Charlie"—from Swimming Women based out of Margaret River. I love the ocean, as members know, and am proud to represent the diverse electorate of Warren–Blackwood, with some of the most spectacular beaches including Ocean Beach, Nornalup, Windy Harbour and Gnarabup.

We also have Main Break in Margs. I own a surfboard. It is a 9'1" and you could float a horse on it. I do not surf, by the way, but I have a board. It was made for me by an incredible surfboard shaper and one of my dearest friends, Warren Thompson. "Wazza" was a south coast surfing legend who started surfing in the 1960s and became a pioneering surfboard shaper working in surfing hotspots across the globe including Hawaii and California. He was a much-loved Demark local, and, it is said that Wazza was part of the inspiration for the lead character in Tim Winton's novel *Breath*. Part of the film was shot on his property down in Denmark. The house that plays

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a main role in the film is on his property. He sadly passed away last year. I cannot surf. I have tried. I have not tried for a few years but the last time I gave it a crack, I was pretty ordinary, and that is putting it politely. I love watching surfing. It has been part of my life since I was a kid. I was very proud when earlier this year, the Cook government announced it had secured the future of the Margaret River Pro until 2028 under a new multi-year sponsorship agreement with the World Surf League. As a WSL championship tour event, the Pro attracts surfing's global elite, with the world's best men and women surfers competing for championship points. The Margaret River Pro has been held in Margaret River in various forms since 1985 and has been proudly supported by the WA government for 25 years. The surf competition is a proven visitor drawcard for the area, with the 2023 event attracting more than 3 500 visitors to the Margaret River region, injecting more than \$8 million into the south west economy. Absolute congratulations to local Margaret River surfer Jack Robinson who won the 2024 Margaret River Pro at Main Break, beating John John Florence, and to Gabriela Bryan from Hawaii who took out the women's title.

I am proud that in 2023, for the first time, the Western Australian government announced we would work with the World Surf League and Surfing WA to support Western Australian's mental health and wellbeing at surfing events for two years. We provided just under \$700 000 funding towards these activities, which included one of the most watched international events on the World Surf League's championship tour—the Margaret River Pro. Surfing WA's programs and events supporting young surfers' mental health include the Pathway to the Pro series, statewide learn to surf programs, WA school surfing titles, all boardrider clubs and affiliated surf schools, and an Indigenous leadership program. As part of the funding, staff received mental health first aid training, and high-profile athlete ambassadors were involved to promote positive mental health and wellbeing.

Before I finish, I need to say a huge congrats to the Mount Barker Bulls women's football team. Having started playing in just 2020, they took out the coveted Great Southern Football League women's premiership, having won only three games since entering the league in 2020, beating the Albany Sharks. I am a proud sponsor of the Mount Barker Bulls and was absolutely over the moon with them grabbing the trophy in a well-earned win at their home ground at Sounness Park. I am also a sponsor of the Bridgetown Bulldogs footy club and recently had the pleasure of being part of the "switch on" at the Bridgetown sportsground where the Cook government provided \$170 000 towards upgrades to the sports grounds' irrigation and lighting. It was from the community sport and rec facility fund as well as the club night lights program. How the teams trained in near darkness I do not know. The lights being switched on was awesome. No pressure, but we said we would like to see some more wins as well!

Can I finish by saying that every kid in Western Australia should be able to participate in their favourite sport, no matter what their circumstances. Doubling the value of KidSport vouchers is just another way the Cook Labor government is helping regional families with the cost of living to help them cover the costs of kids' sports participation. Regional families can now access \$300 KidSport vouchers, doubled from \$150, for each eligible child. The vouchers can now be put towards club fees, equipment and uniforms, making sport more accessible and affordable. In Warren–Blackwood, there is an approved KidSport club in every local government area across the entire electorate. The Cook government is committed to not only providing cost-of-living relief for families but also helping kids get involved in sport wherever they may live in the state. I commend the bill to the house.

MR P. LILBURNE (Carine) [6.50 pm]: It gives me great pleasure to support the Sports and Entertainment Trust Bill 2024. It has been just fantastic to sit here in this house this evening and listen to the positivity that the sports in our state and in our electorates are producing. It is just divine to hear the discussion about the outcomes and involvement that has been produced. Through the excellent governance of the Cook Labor government, we are able to improve these facilities, advancing the chances of students and parents to get involved and to enhance the communities they live in. I am very proud of that. It has been wonderful to listen to.

I wish to acknowledge the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Minister Templeman. I have seen his direct involvement with members of the Carine electorate when I have facilitated meetings with them at Parliament House. I recently hosted the Carine Netball Club. It is an enormous club of 44 teams. These incredible netball groups have survived since their inception with not even a barbecue. Since I became the member for Carine, I have advocated for the creation of facilities for the Carine Netball Club. I look forward to continuing that advocacy with the minister in due course. When the netballers were here at Parliament House, they met the Premier, Hon Roger Cook, and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Hon Michelle Roberts, and discussed at length the needs of the students and the MOPS—the Mothers of Players squad. They explained to the minister that the needs of the students in these 44 teams is huge. I look forward to continuing to promote the development of the teams and the provision of resources in due course.

The Carine district has an enormous number of active sporting organisations covering a wide spectrum of sporting endeavours. I will discuss that and place on the record some of the groups that I am associated with in the Carine district. The newest sporting organisation in my electorate is the Poynter Netball Club—the Tigers. The Poynter Netball Club is a prime example of a few parents seeing a need in the Carine district and working together to bring together the formation of yet another club in my electorate. It has been my honour to have been asked to assist with the first monetary sponsorship payments to the Poynter Netball Club so that it can have its first set of

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netball bibs, netballs and training cones. It was my honour to do that. In response, they asked me to be their sponsor and an advocate going forward within their operating team at Poynter Primary School. I said that I would be most honoured to be involved with that. This is reflected on my Facebook and Instagram social media posts. It reads almost like an autobiography of my life. With the number of followers I have on both platforms, my posts are keenly watched. It is just wonderful for me to see the Poynter Netball Club from inception to now having four teams of both boys and girls playing netball at that primary school. It is just wonderful for me to be a part of it. Here is an example. As the Poynter Primary School community is so strong, interest in membership has been high and contributions have been flowing in. This is a Facebook post I put on to social media some time ago. It reads —

I have donated netballs, playing bibs and training equipment so far to the club and I look forward to contributing more before the team's first games.

I would like to mention coach Tegan, one of the parents at Poynter Primary School. She and her husband, Brad, president Nicole, coaches of various netball age groups and others came together to train with those children after school on those training days. I was an educator myself for 21 years. To see further evidence of the benefits of sporting activities in all our communities is so wonderful it cannot be denied.

The next organisation whose achievements I discussed on my social media platform was the Wanneroo Districts Netball Association at Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex on 12 August 2023. I said —

Today I am supporting our northern suburbs netball teams at the Wanneroo District Netball Association—WDNA—at Kingsway. The Sorrento Saints Netball Club and Titans Netball Club are all super stars! I huge congratulations to Miss Jessica McKemmish from Titans Netball Club for being awarded 2023 GIF WANL Umpire of the Year award for 2023!

This young woman is an A-grade netball umpire and is on standby at games involving West Coast Fever and the Green team. It is just wonderful. Congratulations go out to Jessica McKemmish. I look forward to continuing to support, sponsor and advocate for her team, the Titans Netball Club, the Sorrento Saints Netball Club and the wonderful netball clubs in my electorate.

On 18 April, six days later, I posted —

It was my pleasure to host Sorrento F.C at Parliament House ... Club President Nico, Vice President Allan, Exec Members Victor, Alan and Steve ...

Incredibly, I also hosted former Socceroos player Neil Kilkenny. Neil moved from the Socceroos into Perth Glory and then to the Mighty Gulls at Sorrento Football Club. What an asset Neil is for the club. Players of all ages look up to him. He is a fantastic role model for parents on the positive benefits of sporting activities in the Carine district. During the March 2021 election campaign, I made a commitment for a new women's and girls' change room and a new mini grandstand at Sorrento Football Club because of the huge number of people who are actively engaging in the sport or watching on the sidelines. I am so pleased to report to my colleagues that I have delivered \$1.1 million for those facilities at Sorrento Football Club, and they have been open and functional for six to 12 months now. It is so wonderful to see further interest in the round ball game as well as the other game of football, with the Sherrin.

Three days later, I posted on my social media about my breakfast with Ms Holly Beggs. Holly is from a great family of Labor Party supporters. Her mother was a former member for Whitfords whom my parents voted for during their time living in the electorate. It was lovely to have coffee with Holly recently at one of my local cafes. We discussed the Carine Junior Football Club's needs going forward in 2024–25. Consequently, I made a donation to that football club and I look forward to continuing to support it in the future.

On 22 April, I had the pleasure of presenting the City of Joondalup with a well-deserved Lotterywest grant of \$3 million for the construction of a skateboard park at Percy Doyle Reserve, which is just off Warwick Road in my electorate. In 2022–23, Lotterywest made history with revenue of a whopping \$1.05 billion returned to WA communities in the form of these types of grants. That was \$351.5 million to directly support local projects across five key areas, from health to the arts and sports to sustainability. It was wonderful to visit the Mayor of Joondalup, Albert Jacob, and Councillor Fishwick to present that grant on behalf of the Western Australian government and Lotterywest.

Five days after that, on 27 August 2023, I attended the Carine Calisthenics Club annual family concert. I am a patron, sponsor and supporter of this wonderful organisation, which had been continually neglected since its inception. It is my honour to support females and young girls in their chosen sport of calisthenics. The performances were excellent and demonstrated the depth of talent of people in our neighbourhood. I congratulate all the participants in the Carine Calisthenics Club and the parents who have supported the growth of our future leaders. To Sandra, Jenny and the rest of the executive board, I look forward to our future arrangements and advocating for a new calisthenics area for the club in the future.

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Three days later, it was wonderful to be able to advocate on my social media for the doubling of the Cook Labor government's commitment to the KidSport program. A \$300 KidSport voucher for each child, as the member for Murray–Wellington outlined, helps parents to cover costs associated with getting their children active in sporting clubs.

On another tangent of the varied sporting activities in my electorate, it was my pleasure to host Western Australia's first international grand master in chess at this Parliament on 12 September. Grand master Mr Temur Kuybokarov, his mother, Tatiana, and his father and I enjoyed a lovely lunch at Parliament House to congratulate him on being Western Australia's first grand master in chess.

Dr A.D. Buti: Did you play a game of chess as well?

Mr P. LILBURNE: I like your gambit there, minister. I will use a queen's Indian defence with you, sir, because I know you would be too good for me at chess.

Temur has won the Australian Chess Championships five times. He is currently preparing to participate in the Qatar Masters Open and FIDE Grand Swiss tournament. He plays against Magnus Carlsen. That is the level of achievement of this young man from my electorate in that area of sport. It is a continuing pleasure of mine to go to my local primary schools and provide them with chess sets and advocate on this young man's success. That is also on my social media.

The other clubs I could discuss include the Hamersley Scout Group. On 20 September, I gave a large donation to the group in acknowledgement that its facilities were abysmally poor when I took over as member for Carine. It was a disgrace. I am so pleased that I could contribute immediately to fix the facilities to a point because of the level of neglect of the club before I became member for Carine. That will continue going forward.

I have the pleasure of being a major sponsor of the Sorrento Tennis Club. It is another fantastic facility in my electorate. My wife and I look forward to being at the club's annual dinner next Saturday and contributing to that event.

[Member's time extended.]

Mr P. LILBURNE: I will not keep members very much longer.

Dr A.D. Buti: That's even better. Not that your speech isn't quality; it's just, you know, the time.

Mr P. LILBURNE: Thank you, dear member.

Lastly, I would like to talk about the North Beach Tennis Club. It has wonderful activities and facilitates community events within my electorate. I am very, very pleased to have an intimate and very sincere involvement with the club's executive. They are just wonderful people who make a huge contribution. I appreciate the club's work. The member for Roe mentioned his interest in tennis. The North Beach Tennis Club is a cornerstone community hub in my electorate as well.

Deputy Speaker, I could continue but out of great respect for my colleagues here, whom I admire greatly, I will stop there and thank you very much for the opportunity to fully support the wonderful bill before us.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Dr A.D. Buti (Minister for Education)**.