

**KELMSCOTT BULLDOGS FOOTBALL CLUB**

*Statement by Member for Armadale*

**DR A.D. BUTI (Armadale)** [12.58 pm]: With the resignation last year of Kelmscott Senior Football Club as a member club of the Western Australian Amateur Football League, a group of life members, players and supporters obtained registration of the Kelmscott Bulldogs Football Club to passionately keep alive a 120-year-old club. The club was accepted in the Metro Football League for the 2018 season. The 2018 season started on Sunday, 8 April, with a somewhat historic touch with Kelmscott playing Dwellingup, having reunited since both competed in the South Suburban Football League in the 1960s. Kelmscott was defeated by 11 points, but from there the club and team grew.

As the season continued, the generosity of local sponsors and donations by valued contributors assisted the Kelmscott Bulldogs Football Club in obtaining playing and training equipment and crucial funding. Kelmscott's league team won the last nine games in a row for the home-and-away season, finishing third on the ladder, but was defeated in the first semifinal. As a former Kelmscott player, I am very grateful for the commitment and passion shown to ensure that football continues to be played in Kelmscott.

I acknowledge and sincerely thank Kim Turner, Robert Turner, Robert Fancote and senior coach Ray Witt and all others who have made the dream a reality. It started with a handful of prospective players in January, training unofficially down at the local park, but many achievements were made during the year.

Well done to all involved with the formation of the Kelmscott Bulldogs Football Club and to the club for securing the great tradition of football in Kelmscott, which commenced way back in 1898.

*Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm*